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CIVIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

TV 48 BEGINS DELAYED BROADCAST OF NIGHT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Norfolk's Neighborhood Network, TV48, begins airing night City Council meetings this week, beginning with the October 25 meeting. This is the first time City Council meetings have been broadcast.

The live to tape coverage will air following the Council meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The show will air Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday through Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Archived video streams will be available on the City's website www.norfolk.gov 48 hours after the meeting (under TV48). After viewing the show, please take time to fill out the survey at the back of this Civic Connection.

CITY OF NORFOLK TO SPONSOR BENEFIT CONCERT FOR DISABLED IRAQ WAR VETS ON VETERANS DAY

The **Coalition to Salute America's Heroes** and the City will host a benefit concert to assist severely wounded and disabled veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The concert, "Norfolk Salutes America's Heroes," will be held on Veteran's Day, November 11 at the Granby Theater.

"We are thrilled to have a city honor our wounded veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Ray Clifford, Vice President of Marketing for the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. "We couldn't provide support services without communities such as Norfolk."

Performers who are donating their services for the concert are Charles Darden, Lewis McGehee, Robin Thompson, Susan Greenbaum and Butter/Bottylicious. Individual tickets can be purchased at www.granbytheater.com. Corporate sponsorship packages are available. All money raised will directly benefit wounded veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"As the home of the world's largest naval base, the citizens of Norfolk cherish the relationship that they enjoy with our men and women in uniform," Mayor Paul Fraim said. "The city is proud and humbled by the opportunity to host this concert that will

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benefit the veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We look forward to this Veterans Day benefit concert becoming an even bigger and better annual event.”

“Having been wounded in Iraq, I understand that recovery can be a long, tiresome process, said J.R. Martinez, spokesman for the Coalition and a veteran who suffered burns to more than 40 percent of his body after his Humvee hit a landmine while serving in Iraq. “Recovery can be especially rough when finances are tight and emotions are already exhausted. The Coalition steps in to assist recovering veterans with much-needed support services,”

The **Coalition to Salute America's Heroes** (www.saluteheroes.org) offers several programs: Homes for Wounded Heroes (offers nearly cost-free, new or renovated disability-adapted homes to men and women), Hire A Hero (reaches out through a network of organizations to help prepare and place motivated, qualified veterans in quality jobs), Family Support Network (offers special services to help relieve financial and emotional burdens facing heroes and their families), and the Road to Recovery Conference and Tribute (all-expense paid educational and service events for wounded servicemen and servicewomen and their families), Emergency Financial Aid (provides urgent financial assistance to disabled veterans).

TO MEET GROWING DEMAND FOR SHORT-TERM PARKING IN DOWNTOWN, THE CITY WILL NO LONGER OFFER RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR METERED SPACES.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE DISCOUNT RATES AT 27 OFF-STREET FACILITIES

Norfolk will revise its Central Business District residential parking program to address the growing demand for parking in the wake of downtown residential and business construction and the proliferation of evening activities. The Central Business District is the area between Boush Street and St. Paul’s Boulevard and between Brambleton Avenue and Waterside Drive

Effective November 1, the City will no longer offer on-street residential parking permits for metered parking. Instead, it will offer discounted monthly rates at all but one of the City’s 28 parking facilities (Waterside garage is excluded). See Residential Parking details below.

Why the change? “As with any vibrant downtown, there is an ever growing demand for convenient short-term parking,” said Finance and Business Services Director Steven de Mik in a letter to residents. “This demand, once experienced predominately in the daytime, has extended well into the evening and weekends. To meet this challenge, the City has taken a proactive role by establishing over 18,500 off-street spaces located in 28 parking facilities.” In contrast, the City has just 566 metered spaces.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING DETAILS.

The Parking Division held an open house earlier this month to discuss the changes with residents and to discuss other options for residential parking in the Central Business District. The key points of the new program are:

Off-street parking for residents will be designated in each downtown parking facility and made available to residents on a first come first serve basis. Current residential on-street permit holders will be given a six-month grace period during which the rate of \$62.50 for six months will apply for residential off-street parking spaces. After six months, residents will pay the residential off-street rate, ranging from \$12.50 to \$50.50 per month, depending on facility and length of stay requirement. Further discounts are also available for night/weekend only parkers.

Residential loading zones will be established adjacent to residential buildings. These loading zones will facilitate loading and unloading of materials and merchandise (such as groceries) and to allow short trips into your residents during a designated period of time.

Parking for the Future

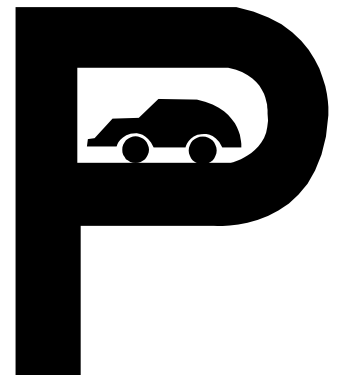
The Division of Parking has formed partnerships with various organizations to further meet the needs of the citizens. One such partnership is the Norfolk Electric Transit bus system. The buses are driven by Hampton Roads Transit drivers. They run everyday of the week. During the week they operate from 6:30 am to 11 pm, on Saturday from noon to midnight and on Sunday from noon to 8 pm.

The Division of Parking also established a valet-parking program with downtown businesses. Private companies are given permits to provide valet services, giving customers a convenient parking option while freeing up on-street parking.

Parking also took full responsibility for parking and shuttle services for cruise passengers. Parking allows passengers to leave their vehicles in a secure lot and drop off their bags. Shuttles carry passengers to their ship and handle baggage for them.

Parking in downtown Norfolk continues to grow and improve. This success comes from various partnerships between Parking and local companies. These partnerships include the West Plume Lane Garage and the MacArthur Center Garages.

In 2003 the City executed a development contract with Collins Acquisition, LLC to build a mixed-use project including approximately 94 residential units and 617 structured parking spaces. Similar partnerships with the private sector resulted in the West Plume Lane and MacArthur Center garages.



HOLIDAYS IN THE CITY

GRAND ILLUMINATION AND PARADE - Saturday, November 19th, over 100,000 parade goers will jam the streets of downtown Norfolk to watch the 21st Annual Grand Illumination Parade. The theme for this year's parade is "Under the Big Top" and some exciting new features are planned. Mark your calendars for the Greatest Show on Granby Street!

The Grand Illumination of the Norfolk and Portsmouth skylines will kick off the festivities at 7 p.m. The parade starts immediately after and travels through downtown Norfolk. Holidays in the City and the 21st Annual Grand Illumination Parade are produced and managed by the Downtown Norfolk

Council. The Downtown Norfolk Council is a private, non-for-profit membership organization comprised of businesses and individuals working toward a dynamic, attractive and prosperous downtown.



BOTANICAL GARDEN GARDEN OF LIGHTS- November 24 – December 31

Nightly

5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Whether it's your first visit or a family tradition, make memories you'll treasure forever on our two-mile driving tour through close 1 million twinkling lights.

Tickets: \$8 NBG Members/\$10 non-members/

\$15 combo ticket (Holiday Lights at the Beach & Garden of Lights - *LIMITED AVAILABILITY*)

PRICE IS PER CAR

Order tickets by [clicking here](#) or call our Reservation Line at (757) 441-5830 ext. 309.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR FUEL ASSISTANCE – DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 14

As the winter months approach, the mercury will be dropping while heating costs continue to rise. The Norfolk Department of Human Service is accepting applications for the Fuel Assistance Program from October 11 through November 14. Eligible Norfolk residents can receive financial help to pay the following items:

- electric bills to operate heating equipment
- electric security deposit
- gas security deposit

- oil and kerosene purchases
- late fees for services
- connection or reconnection fees
- installation fees
- delivery fees

For more information about the Fuel Assistance Program, call 664-7550 or 664-6080. Applications are accepted from October 11 through November 14. Completed applications may be mailed, hand-delivered or faxed to 664-7544 and must be received n later than **November 14, 2005**.



The Virginia Department of Social Services and agencies in Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach have partnered to coordinate Virginia's first *Heart Gallery*, featuring local children in foster care who are available for adoption. Norfolk Botanical Garden is hosting this extraordinary exhibit by local professional photographers from Saturday, November 5 through Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

At any given time in Virginia, more than 1,500 children are available for adoption. Virginia's Heart Gallery is a way to raise awareness about adoption and the need for adoptive families.

*Norfolk Botanical Garden hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: (757) 441-5830*

A special *Heart Gallery Day* will be held on Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adoption social workers will be on-hand at the exhibit to answer questions about adoption for potential adoptive families. A special "two-for-one" admission coupon is available for "Heart Gallery Day" on the Virginia Department of Social Services website at www.dss.state.va.us

REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS AND PROPERTY TAX REVIEW

During this summer's City Council retreat –the City Assessor indicated that residential real estate assessments are projected to increase by 23 percent next year. The following information prepared by the City Manager reviews the impact of several options discussed by Council during that retreat.

Overall Assessment Growth

The following table provides a two-year prospective of actual and projected assessment growth.

Property Type	FY 2007 City Assessor Projected Growth in Assessments	FY 2006 Budgeted Growth in Assessments
Residential	23 percent	20.9 percent
Commercial	10 percent	6.3 percent
Apartments	30 percent	12.5 percent
Vacant Land	30 percent	33.6 percent
Overall Assessments	20.7 percent	16.8 percent

The difference between overall assessment growth and overall growth in the City's budget is significant. In FY 2006, there is a **16.8 percent** overall growth rate in assessments; however, the overall growth in the general fund budget is **3.7 percent**. This growth takes into account the \$7.7 million in real estate tax relief provided to Norfolk citizens.

Residential and Commercial Assessment Growth

One of the issues that surfaced during the Council retreat was the possibility of taxing residential and commercial property at different rates. While commercial real estate is appreciating at a more modest rate than residential property, commercial real estate owners are receiving the same tax reduction as homeowners.

Council requested that we analyze the scenario of the City continuing the tax commercial property this year at the \$1.40 rate instead of \$1.35 to ascertain what would have been the potential gain in tax revenues. The City would have received approximately \$1.39 million in revenues. This potential gain is more modest than may have been expected because of the relatively small percentage of commercial property in the City (approximately 23.3 percent) and the slower growth in commercial property assessment in FY 2006 (approximately 6.3 percent).

Current Real Estate Tax Reduction Efforts in Norfolk

In determining what measures may be proposed for FY2007, it may be helpful as a starting point to recap the tax reduction efforts in the FY2006 Budget.

The FY 2006 Approved Budget incorporated a multi-faceted approach to reduce the property tax burden on Norfolk property owners that consisted of:

- Establishing a five-cent reduction in the real estate tax rate;
- Expanding the income limits for the senior tax relief program;
- Adding a new senior tax deferral program; and
- Creating the Residential Property Ownership Preservation (RPOP) program.

The total budget impact of the tax relief package is equivalent to a 7.1 cent tax rate reduction amounting to \$7.7 million in reduced revenues to the City.

Establish an Expanded Deferral Program

Council members indicated a desire to establish an expanded tax deferral program. Currently, Section 58.1-3219 through 58.1-3219.3 of the *Code of Virginia* enables localities to adopt a program to defer all or any portion of the real estate tax on a property that exceeds 105 percent of the real estate tax on the property owned by the taxpayer in the previous year. Localities are also allowed to adopt a higher minimum percentage increase figure.

While the deferral program is available statewide, the program has been used rarely. Loudoun County previously established an expanded deferral program, but discontinued the program due to, in part, the complexity of the program. Virginia Beach is considering a deferral program for all residents who have:

- 1) Paid off their mortgages and
- 2) Do not qualify for senior or disabled tax relief.

Establish an Exemption Program

Council also indicated a desire to consider an exemption program based on following:

- Owner-occupied residence
- Primary residence (minimum residence for at least five years)
- Assessment increased by a certain amount
- Moderate income (but not eligible for any senior/disabled tax relief program)
- Exempt homeowner from paying a certain portion of his or her property taxes

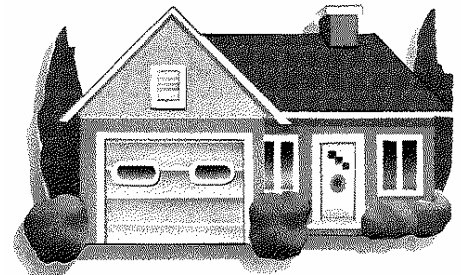
This type of program, which is closely aligned to a “homestead” type-exemption, has also been included in our proposed state legislative package.

The Timing of Assessments

One additional issue brought up at the retreat that will need to be addressed separately by the City Attorney is whether the City is permitted to assess property after an improvement has been made and immediately following the recordation of a sales transaction. Currently, this is not the City's practice.

THE NORFOLK NOW HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Buying a home in Norfolk is easier than you think! Are you a first-time homebuyer? Could you use a reduced interest rate? Need down payment and closing cost assistance? Get Pre-Approved... The Norfolk Now Homeownership Program allows qualified applicants the chance to purchase a home with a low mortgage interest rate and provides for up to 20 percent of the sale price in down payment and closing cost assistance. For more information about the program, contact: Andrew Northcutt, 664-6784 or by email at: Andrew.northcutt@norfolk.gov.



Income restrictions are based on the following household size:

1-person household - \$33,150	5-person household - \$51,150
2-person household - \$37,900	6-person household - \$54,950
3-person household - \$42,600	7-person household - \$58,750
4-person household - \$47,350	8-person household - \$62,500

Sales price limit of \$320,700

The City of Norfolk and the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority are partners in the Norfolk Now Homeownership Program, working hard to make home ownership an affordable reality.

HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT CONDUCTS TELEPHONE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

At the Metropolitan Planning Organization's meeting on Wednesday, there was a presentation on a recent Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) telephone transportation survey. Conducted by Northwest Research Group of Boise, Idaho from May 12th to May 25th, the survey had a confidence rating of 95 percent, with a ± 4 percent margin of error.

The findings confirmed our region's heavy reliance on automobiles. 88 percent of the individual's surveyed drive a personal vehicle five or more days per week and 96 percent of the respondents said that they never use public transportation. Despite this heavy usage, residents are supportive of alternatives to building additional roadway capacity. Specifically, survey participants gave high rankings to implementing alternatives such as increasing the availability of public transportation, increasing the availability of HOV lanes, and providing various incentives for carpooling and telecommuting.

However, it should be noted that survey participants continued to be reluctant to support funding options for transportation improvements. Of the eight funding options surveyed, none achieved a mean score of five on a scale of zero to ten. The chart below lists the various funding options and their mean score for support.

Funding Option	Scale: 0 - 10 (0=Not at All, 10 =Strongly Supported)
Vehicle Registration Fees	4.63
Local Option Tax	3.96
Sales Tax	3.70
Toll Roads	3.48
Fuel Tax	3.48
Income Tax	3.40
Combination of Toll/Fuel Tax	3.20
Mileage Use Fee	2.53

One other area that I would like to point out from the survey was the responses survey participants gave in the area of public involvement/information. Survey participants indicated with a mean score of 6.12 that they believed it was important for them to be involved in setting transportation priorities in Hampton Roads. However, when asked if they have been involved in the transportation planning process, only 6 percent stated yes. As an observation, it appears that at this point in time, we are not sufficiently connecting with the residents regarding transportation issues. It is unlikely that we will be able to garner support from residents for various funding options until we improve in the community dialogue around this critical issue.

2ND ANNUAL TEEN CULTURE FEST SEEKS NORFOLK YOUTH TO HELP PLAN AND PARTICIPATE

The City of Norfolk's Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Space – Division of Youth Development has scheduled its 2nd Annual Teen Culture Fest for **Saturday, December 3rd, 2005** from 2-10 pm at the Harrison Opera House, 160 Virginia Beach Boulevard.

The event is **free** and for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 who live and/or go to school in Norfolk. The Teen Culture Fest will feature music, food, dance, spoken word and other entertaining performances. The event is “**for teens, by teens**” and is a great way for young people to interact with other teens in Norfolk as well as teach and learn about the different cultures in the city.

There are still opportunities available for teens who'd like to see what it's like to work behind the scenes in planning an event. Volunteers will get the chance to develop their leadership skills as well as work with other teens from around the city.

For more information about the 2nd Annual Teen Culture Fest or how to get involved, call Krystal Hilton at 441-2400, ext. 266 or visit www.norfolk.gov

CIVIC LEAGUES “EARNN” OVER \$5,000 FOR INCREASING RECYCLING PARTICIPATION

The Department of Public Works and Keep Norfolk Beautiful (Norfolk Environmental Center) have awarded \$5,450 over the past year to 11 civic leagues for increasing and maintaining high levels of participation in the curbside recycling program. EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk's Neighborhoods) was started in 1998 to engage community support for recycling. All City-recognized civic leagues are eligible to participate. Participation is monitored by Keep Norfolk Beautiful staff during the year to determine award levels.

Since the implementation of the “Big Easy” curbside recycling program in 2004, citywide participation has increased over 30 percent. EARNN is just one of several continuing and new initiatives designed to increase Citywide recycling participation levels. EARNN award money may be used by each civic league for neighborhood activities, events, or special projects.



SAFE STREETS UPDATE

Operation Triple Play – a three month police investigation targeting drug dealing in three Norfolk neighborhoods has resulted in the arrest or indictment of 227 people. This

effort was a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration; Naval Criminal Investigative Service; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and probation and parole officers. These arrests have resulted in:

- 487 total charges
- \$113,881 of street value drugs recovered.
- \$18,703 in illegal drug proceeds,
- Recovery of 17 weapons and
- Seizure of 4 vehicles.

As a follow-up to this police work, members of the City's Safe Streets Task Force are scheduling walking tours with residents within targeted neighborhoods to hear and see their concerns. The first walking tour occurred Friday in the South Tidewater Drive area with follow-up tours being scheduled for Park Place, Huntersville, and Southside.

Safe Street Task Force Members walking included representatives from Police, Neighborhood Preservation, Planning, Public Works, and the City Manager's Office; and they were accompanied by residents. While walking in the Lindenwood, Old Huntersville, and Barrud Park neighborhoods, the taskforce members made observations about the neighborhoods physical infrastructure, streets, traffic, and the aesthetics and completed a "Neighborhood Walkability Checklist". Walkers had similar feedback regarding observable concerns that included broken sidewalks; excessive litter, especially near community stores; and the need for more grass and trees particularly along the gateway to Lindenwood.

The residents directed walkers to areas that were of special concern to them. This included overgrown wetland areas and boarded up structures. Staff will follow up on the issues noted and we will return to the area to conduct another codes sweep.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORK GROUP STUDYING CHANGES TO EMINENT DOMAIN LAWS

The Eminent Domain work group of the state's Housing Study Commission, chaired by Delegate Terri Suit met on Wednesday, September 14th. The work group's objective was to review proposed changes to eminent domain law. Virtually all proposals submitted were carried forward to the work group's October meeting where legislation will be drafted.

There were several common themes to the proposals submitted:

1. Limit governmental entities ability to use eminent domain and then convey it to non-governmental entities. (Redevelopment authorities exempted).

2. Require the acquisition of the business when acquiring commercial property.
3. Reimburse condemnees for all expenses including legal fees in condemnation cases.
4. Require regular jury trials in condemnation cases.
5. Require mediation in condemnation cases.
6. Redefine blight to include economic dysfunction and dysfunctional land use and road patterns.
7. Limit use of eminent domain in conservation areas to 5 years from date of adoption.

Item #1 generated the most discussion including objections by Mr. Joe Waldo, of the Law Firm of Waldo & Lyle, who expressed his concern that redevelopment authorities not be exempted from proposed legislation. Delegate Suit asked Mr. Waldo and the VML/VACO, Realtor and Virginia Natural Gas representatives to resolve the objection before the October meeting, date to be determined. In addition, the Realtor's Association offered a complete re-write of Eminent Domain law, Title 36-49. Delegate Suit indicated that this request was too ambitious to attempt for the 2006 legislative session, but that the Housing Study Commission would consider it for next year.

CLOSING OF LITTLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER

The permanent closure of the Little Creek Service Center, as part of the future development of the new Wal-Mart is scheduled for Friday, October 28.

Staff of agencies providing services at the Center have been coordinating with clients and residents on where they may obtain services in the future. A number of agencies have already relocated. For instance, Human Services staff have relocated to the Central office at 220 West Brambleton Avenue and to Park Place Neighborhood Center. The Health Department has relocated its Food Service Employee classes to the Huntersville Neighborhood Center at 830 Goff Street (off Tidewater Drive).

In addition, staff is also working with community groups who had routinely met at the center to provide alternative meeting room space.

The Center is adjacent to the 2nd Police Precinct which will be relocated to the former TWA building on Military Highway, adjacent to the Lake Wright Executive Center. The Police Department is scheduled to move into the new space on November

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM HAS FUNDS FOR HAMPTON ROADS

A multi-year surface transportation program has been signed into law by the President. The Act is formally known as Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This new appropriation

builds on the TEA-21 program and is designed to provide balance in overseeing federal priorities for transportation with the needs of the specific needs of the states. The core components of the \$286.4 billion in guaranteed funding for SAFETEA-LU through 2009 are: Interstate Maintenance, National Highway System, Surface Transportation, Bridge Maintenance, Congestion Mitigation and the Air Quality and Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Specific transportation earmarks in SAFETEA-LU benefiting Hampton Roads total \$117 million. The \$117 million accounts for 21 percent of projects identified statewide in the legislation. A listing of the projects are identified in the chart below, with those most directly benefiting Norfolk in bold print:

Hampton Roads Earmark Projects	Amount	Percent
Hampton Roads Third Crossing Segment-1	\$39,400,000	33.68 percent
Portsmouth Route 164/I-664 Rail Connector	\$15,000,000	12.82 percent
Dominion Boulevard Improvements	\$14,000,000	12.31 percent
I-264/Lynhaven Parkway/Great Neck Road Interchange	\$11,400,000	9.74 percent
I-64/City Line Road Interchange	\$10,800,000	9.23 percent
Route 460 Improvements and Corridor Study	\$ 9,000,000	7.69 percent
Jamestown Improvements	\$ 5,825,520	4.98 percent
Hampton Roads Transit, VA—Southside Bus Facility	\$ 4,135,000	3.53 percent
Maersk Terminal Interchange in Portsmouth	\$ 1,600,000	1.37 percent
Widen Rolfe Highway to Surry Ferry Landing Approach Bridge	\$ 1,400,000	1.20 percent
Eastern Seaboard Intermodal Transportation Application Center (ESITAC) in Hampton Roads at Hampton University	\$ 1,200,000	1.03 percent
Preliminary Engineering, Design, and Construct Improvements to Virginia Beach Blvd in Virginia Beach and Norfolk	\$ 1,200,000	1.03 percent
Construction and improvement to entrance of Mariners Museum and USS Monitor Center from RT 60	\$ 1,000,000	0.85 percent

Purchase specialized tunnel fire safety equipment, Hampton Roads	\$ 640,000	0.55 percent
Total	\$117,000,520	

In addition to local projects, there are a number of statewide projects that are beneficial to Norfolk Southern. These projects include:

- \$90 million for the Heartland Corridor Project for intermodal facility improvements that facilitate the movement of freight from Virginia to Ohio;
- \$41 million for freight movement and safety improvements along Interstate 81; and
- \$27 million for the widening of I-66 westbound inside the Capital beltway.

CAST IN HISTORY - A JOURNEY OF 300 YEARS OF NORFOLK'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

“Cast in History” is the centerpiece of the commissioning of the written history of African Americans in Norfolk. This special program was held at the Attucks Theater earlier this month and introduced the three-member team of historians selected to write a historical piece that chronicles African American history in Norfolk from the colonial period up to the year 2000. Some notable figures whose lives and accomplishments have earned them a place in local and national history that will be included in this historical document are: Saul Matthews, a spy for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War; Shadrach Minkins who escaped from Norfolk on the Underground Railroad and whose arrest in Boston was the first test case under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850; and prominent Civil Rights leader Vivian C. Mason.

CITY STAFF REVIEWS REPORT ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Since the release of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission's (JLARC) Homeland Security report on September 12th, staff has worked to determine how the findings impact Norfolk and the rest of Hampton Roads. The primary goal of the report was to determine the extent & sufficiency of homeland security funding as well as the adequacy of federal funds that are directed to state agencies and Virginia localities.

The report includes a recommendation that Virginia needs to transition from allocating grant funds primarily based on population and move to a system of awarding grants to those places that have known targets or target characteristics. Such targets may include central cities that disproportionately house a daytime high-employment business district, communities with critical infrastructure and/or facilities (marine terminal, military installation), or destinations for extensive numbers of tourists. While characteristics such as these are reflective of Norfolk, under the current population based

formula, Norfolk would not receive as much aid as other communities with larger populations but have few known targets or target characteristics.

A second issue that has major implications for Hampton Roads is that the area should be included as part of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. This program is targeted to densely populated high-risk metropolitan areas that have critical infrastructure. Getting Hampton Roads included as part of this program, which has previously discussed with Council, remains a high priority.

The report also pointed out that the state could ensure a better strategy for effective emergency response by improving access to specialized services and ensuring all localities have appropriate access to key needs. An example of this is the deficient availability of bomb squads and hazardous materials teams to larger localities like Norfolk. Staff will use the report's findings to benchmark Homeland Security efforts for the purpose of strengthening efforts at a regional level for emergency preparedness.

WILD BIRD TESTS POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

The Norfolk Department of Public Health reports that a blue jay collected on October 18, 2005 from the Winona neighborhood has tested positive for West Nile Virus. This is the first West Nile positive wild bird found in the City of Norfolk this year and the 15th positive wild bird reported in Virginia. Previously, mosquito pools in several parts of the city had tested positive for West Nile. Storm drains in the Winona community had been previously treated this year and are currently being retreated. Vector Control personnel have increased mosquito surveillance in the affected area and will fog when weather permits.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans, horses, and other mammals through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Most people bitten by an infected mosquito do not get sick. People who do get sick usually suffer a mild flu-like illness and those over age 50 are at greatest risk of serious illness, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Norman Grefe, Vector Control Division Supervisor, urges Norfolk residents especially people over age 50, to take action to prevent against and protect themselves and their families from mosquito-borne viruses such as the West Nile Virus.

The Virginia Department of Health recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- Check windows and door screens to ensure that mosquitoes can't enter your home.
- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- If possible, limit outdoor exposure between dusk and dawn.

- Use insect repellents with the smallest percentage of DEET necessary for the length of time you are exposed to mosquitoes, but no more than 50% for adults and not greater than 30% for children under 12.
- Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens.

For updates on fogging and locations to be fogged, Norfolk residents can call the Norfolk Department of Public Health "Mosquito Hotline" at (757) 683-2914. The hotline is updated daily after 3:00 p.m. For additional information on mosquito control or to report areas of potential mosquito breeding, call the Vector Control Division at (757) 683-2840, week days from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Additional information is also available on the Virginia Department of Health's web site:

MEDIAN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Divisions of Streets and Bridges, Environmental Storm Water Management, and Parks and Urban Forestry, implement their fall street median program in mid-October. Since beginning this program in the spring of 2004, median work has been completed along major road segments of Terminal Boulevard, Newtown Road, Virginia Beach Boulevard (between Jett Street and Newtown Road.), and Chesapeake Boulevard from Little Creek Road to Bayview Boulevard. The program is designed to promote better storm water drainage off street surfaces on uncurbed roadways and lower the interior landscaped areas at curbed medians to make Parks and Urban Forestry's mowing and edging work easier and safer to perform.

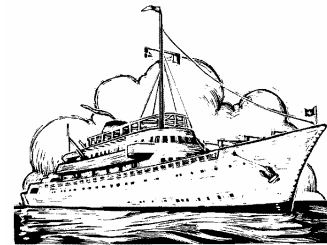
The project will rework the median edges to provide a smoother transition to the curbing or street surface followed by the re-landscaping of medians. Phase I will begin on the east side of Chesapeake Boulevard at Bayview Boulevard, proceed to Ocean View Avenue and continue on the west side of Chesapeake Boulevard. Phase II of the project is designed to enhance the medians on the south side of Little Creek Road near Halprin Drive to Shore Drive. This phase of the project will conclude with work on the north side of Little Creek Road. Depending on the weather, all work is scheduled for completion by the middle of November. Any work not finished this fall will be included in the spring 2006 program.

CLEAN CITY COALITION HOLDS CELEBRATION IN NORFOLK

The Hampton Roads Clean Cities Coalition hosted a Beyond a Billion Event at the Harbor Park CNG Station on October 14. The event was part of a nationwide celebration of Clean Cities, which is a part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office. The nation's 88 Clean Cities coalition focus on alternative fuels, alternative fuel vehicles, hybrid electric vehicles, fuel blends, heavy-truck idle reduction applications, and general fuel economy improvements to help reduce the nation's need for imported oil and improve air quality.

CITY SEEKS MORE CRUISE BUSINESS AFTER SHIP CANCELLATIONS

In the wake of recent news stories regarding changes in cruise ship visitations to Norfolk, City Council was briefed on current initiatives underway to attract additional cruise ship calls for 2007 and beyond. The City's ability to accommodate larger cruise ships is limited until construction of the new facility is completed in early 2007. This has, of course, affected Norfolk as Celebrity cruise lines sold the 1,350 passenger *Horizon* and replaced her with a ship 50 percent larger.



Holland America's decision to move the *Maasdam* at the end of 2006 into a Panama Canal itinerary has not precluded the city from working closely with their marketing department on several promotions aimed at both the travel agent community and consumer markets. These actions are being undertaken in anticipation of hosting Holland America ships again after 2007. The Nauticus director and cruise manager have been meeting with senior officials from Norwegian Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, MSC and also with Bermudian officials and believe that once 2007 schedules are completed, Norfolk will have new product to coincide with the opening of the terminal.

Even with construction well underway and operating from temporary facilities, 2005 will be the City's strongest year ever with more than 110,000 passengers calling. Additionally, Carnival has added one additional cruise in late 2006, based on strong local sales.

CITY SELECTS CONSULTANT FOR ST. PAUL'S QUADRANT STUDY

Funding was approved in this year's CIP for the St. Paul's Quadrant Study. The study is designed to examine land use issues, market and economic strategies, and design standards that promote a distinct character for the district. After an extensive RFP and interview process, the City evaluation committee heard presentations from the two

finalists that were being considered to develop the study. The evaluation committee recommended, and I have concurred with, the selection of Goody Clancy of Boston, Massachusetts, Zimmerman/Volk, ZHA, Clark Nexsen and Abt Associates as the consultant team. An Administrative Coordination Committee made up of City and NRHA staff, will oversee the project and seek advice, as appropriate, from Ray Gindroz to ensure connectivity with the Downtown Plan.

Additionally, the City will actively seek input from community stakeholders including the churches and Tidewater Gardens on this initiative. Prior to beginning work on this project, we will develop a work plan which will be periodically discussed with ECBD and the full Council. The consultants are expected to begin work in November with the completion date for the project scheduled for late next summer.

BROAD CREEK DREDGING TO BEGIN THIS FALL

A project to provide a 6,500 foot channel for recreational boating in Broad Creek is set to begin this fall. The contractor will dredge up to 28,500 cubic yards of material in the main channel and an ancillary channel. This work will accommodate small recreational vessels with a draft of approximately 4 feet or less. Because of clearance beneath the railroad bridge, passage into the Elizabeth River will be limited to boats with a clearance of 7 feet or less.

City staff is also working with groups of property owners who may enter into separate agreements with the contractor to dredge private access channels and boat basins. Approximately 15 homeowners, including groups on Anna Street and Brennan Avenue, have obtained permits to dredge in conjunction with the City's dredging. Homeowners in Poplar Halls, on the east side of Broad Creek, have also expressed interest in participating in future phases of this dredging project.

This project is scheduled for completion in summer 2006. However, based on interest from other property owners in Broad Creek, there is flexibility in the contract to extend the project.

COLLINS ENTERPRISES, LLC PURCHASES RIVERSIDE TERRACE IN NORFOLK

12-acre waterfront parcel acquired for strategic redevelopment project

Collins Enterprises, LLC recently purchased Riverside Terrace in Norfolk, a 12 acre waterfront parcel just off Newport Avenue in Norfolk's Wards Corner area. Located on Crabs Creek just off the Lafayette River, the acreage currently has 232 apartments on site. While no specific plans are confirmed for the property at this time, it is situated in a redevelopment area identified by the city's development office. Drucker & Falk have been retained to manage the apartment complex.

In step with the city's strategic housing initiative, "Come Home to Norfolk Now," Riverside Terrace is consistent with the City of Norfolk's Greater Wards Corner Comprehensive Plan. Adopted by City Council in Dec., 2004, the plan seeks to outline a vision for comprehensive land use planning, residential improvements, streetscape design, neighborhood beautification, transportation and other topics pertinent to the area's revitalization. Community input and involvement are a major component of this planning effort.

"The city has made a concerted effort to create additional residential development by partnering with private developers-- like Collins Enterprises-- to craft an exciting and exceptionally well-orchestrated plan for the future of Norfolk," says Rod Woolard, the city's director of development. "I appreciate that Arthur is a developer with vision. He has the unique talent to look at a piece of property with an understanding of its potential, allowing him to put that vision into action."

SNOWA CAMP AT NAUTICUS TO OFFER WORKING PARENTS AN INCLEMENT WEATHER OPTION

Registration now open for new program that will provide education-based care for kids

Are you a parent who needs a safe place to take the kids when school is out, but you have to work? Then look no more. Nauticus, at The National Maritime Center has the answer to your situation—SNOWA Camp.

SNOWA stands for School's Not Open—We Are— and is designed to address the needs of working parents and our community. The camp provides safe, interactive, education-based care when public school systems close with short notice due to snow storms, hurricanes or other unpredictable situations but conditions are safe enough at our facility to offer such care. SNOWA may also be offered on teacher in-service days or school holidays to accommodate the needs of our community.

Implemented on an as-needed basis, the camp is geared to students in grades one through six, who will be taught in a group setting, similar to a one-room schoolhouse. Teen volunteers (14 and older) are welcome to assist with camp activities and may sign up as volunteers. Each camper should bring a bag lunch and beverage and wear comfortable clothing that can get dirty.

Here's how the SNOWA Camp works:

1. Pre-registration will be open in the fall or with the first notice of inclement weather. Forty registrations will be confirmed in advance. To register your child, call Nauticus at 664-1041 and ask for the SNOWA Camp coordinator.
2. SNOWA Camp will be activated on an as-needed basis and registrants will be notified of the camp's opening (or closure) via telephone or email by 7 a.m. on the possible day of the camp.

3. SNOWA Camp will be offered from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Cost is \$30 daily. If multiple days of operation are needed, a \$5 per day discount will be offered.

During SNOWA Camp, children will participate in educational activities, science demonstrations, make-and-takes, games, and tours of Nauticus exhibits. Camp activities are led by a trained Nauticus educator. Pre-registration is urged, to insure there is room for your child. For more information or to register, please call (757) 664-1041.

NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATOR NAMED NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has named Sharon I. Byrdsong, principal of Azalea Gardens Middle School, its 2006 National Middle School Principal of the Year during a surprise ceremony at her school. Byrdsong also was Virginia's Middle School Principal of the Year.

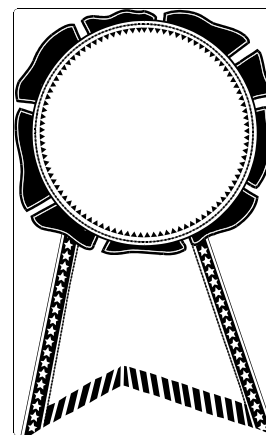
Jo Lynne DeMary, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction joined City Council members, School Board members and other dignitaries in congratulating Byrdsong on her selection. Byrdsong's family was in attendance for the award and several of her students participated in the ceremony.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HONORS NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR FAMILY PLACE PROGRAM

At a celebration on October 12 at 11:30 a.m., Libraries of the Future honored Norfolk Public Library as the 1st Family Place Library in Virginia. Kathleen Deerr, Assistant Director of Outreach Services and the National Family Place Project for the Middle Country Public Library, presented the Library with a Family Place banner. A light luncheon will follow the event.

Since launching the Family Place initiative last Fall, Norfolk Public Library has seen an increase in the number of families and young children visiting the library. "The sense of isolation that many families experience in today's world is diminished through increased contact with other parents and professionals while participating in our Family Place programming. Children also gain socialization, language development and motor skills as well as reading and school readiness," says Norfolk Public Library Director Norman Maas.

Family Place Libraries are centers for early childhood information, parent education, early literacy, socialization and family support. Expanding the traditional role of children's services, Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early



learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development. The 1-2-3, *Grow With Me*, *Parent-Child Workshop* and *Kid's Zone* are two core components of Family Place.

The Parent-Child workshop brings toddlers and their parents together in an informal interactive setting featuring a variety of toys and play equipment. Participants meet for five consecutive weeks. During the workshop, parents sit on the floor with their youngsters and engage in casual play. There is no speaker and no podium. Friendly, knowledgeable resource professionals circulate among the group, talking to parents one on one about their individual concerns. Each week features a different subject. The topics include *Nutrition*, *Child Development* and *Play*, *Speech, Language and Reading*, and *Physical Fitness- Movement*. The workshop also offers early intervention screening.

Kid Zone has replaced the traditional children's department. The area is now a child-friendly haven offering an interactive, creative environment for children and their parents. Colorful developmentally appropriate toys encouraging participation can be found throughout the new space. Children laughing and playing with bead boards, sand tables, magnetic letters, blocks, games, puzzles and more are now a daily scene at the library. The area is a more welcoming place where parents and their children come together to learn. While the children play, parents can browse at a comprehensive collection of books, brochures, videos, kits, and magazines on topics ranging from toilet training and breast-feeding, to temper tantrums and child development. In addition, the library's website has incorporated a family page that has many pertinent links and tips for parents.

For more information on Family Place or on other library programs and services visit the library's web site at www.npl.lib.va.us.

NORFOLK FESTEVENETS, LTD. WINNER OF THREE 2005 PINNACLE AWARDS

The International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA) paid tribute to Norfolk Festevents and their The 29th Annual Norfolk Harborfest and The 16th Annual Cingular Wireless Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival on September 14th, 2005 during the IFEA's Miller Brewing Company Hall of Fame Luncheon held at the IFEA's 50th Anniversary Reunion Convention & Expo, Presented by Kolorview in San Antonio, TX – September 12-16th, 2005, where they were presented with three awards in the prestigious IFEA/Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards competition.

DOWNTOWN NORFOLK - THE REGION'S ULTIMATE OFFICE PARK

On September 16, more than 70 real estate professionals and downtown supporters gathered at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel to celebrate the unveiling of a major marketing initiative. For the past several months, the Downtown Commercial Office Task Force has worked to develop a marketing package and resource manual providing both easy-to-access information and a consistent marketing image for downtown's commercial office space. Focus groups with downtown office brokers helped guide the effort.



It became clear to the task force that downtown Norfolk has the strongest amenity package of any office location in the market and positioning downtown as “The Region’s Ultimate Office Park” provides a unique framework in which to define our competitive advantages. “Downtown’s commercial office market is strong” said Paul Peck, Managing Director, Harbor Group International and chairman of the task force. “What we are doing with this program is promoting a consistent image and insuring that our brokers are armed with information t! ha! t helps maintain the momentum.” The marketing materials are sophisticated, flexible, adaptable to the needs of many users, and available to anyone marketing downtown’s commercial office space. In addition to the marketing materials, a comprehensive resource manual has been compiled and will be updated quarterly. This will provide brokers with the most up-to-date information available.

In the coming months, the Commercial Office Task Force will develop additional tools to support downtown’s commercial office leasing efforts.

DOWNTOWN NORFOLK RESTAURANT WEEK TO BE HELD IN JANUARY, 2006

The Downtown Norfolk Restaurant Coalition has announced that Sunday, January 22nd through Saturday, January 28, 2006 will be Downtown Norfolk’s first “Restaurant Week.” Patterned after very successful events in cities like Atlanta, St. Louis, New York and Philadelphia, Restaurant Week is built on the premise of each restaurant developing a fixed 3-course menu with all participating restaurants agreeing to a fixed price. Prices for Downtown Norfolk’s Restaurant Week will be either \$20.06 or \$30.06. Restaurants will choose based on the value they want to promote.

“As a new restaurant, the publicity we received from Restaurant Week was invaluable. Many St. Louis residents walked through our doors that probably would not

have done so without the Restaurant Week promotion” said Rod May, Manager of the Urban Grille in downtown St. Louis. In Albany, New York, hits to the Downtown Albany web site jumped from 20,000 a week to 1.2 million hits a week when the menus of participating restaurants were posted. A survey done in Albany showed visitation from 338 separate zip codes – a success far exceeding their expectations.

MISS DEFINITELY DOWNTOWN IS BACK!

Moved from her former home on the site of the new Trader building, Miss Definitely Downtown mermaid has undergone a complete restoration and is now in her new home looking better than ever. Now in a prime position at the corner of Granby Street and City Hall Ave., she is grateful to Tim Hile and his staff at GSA who not only gave her a new home but also made sure her base is as sparkling white as the surrounding masonry. She is also grateful to Peter Decker, Jr. who purchased her in 2001 and made sure that she will always be positioned downtown to greet the locals and welcome visitors. Stop by and let her know you’re glad to see her back!

Fall is the Time To...

Prepare you home for the onslaught of winter weather!

Avoid broken water pipes and property damage by taking these actions:

- Insulate all your pipes, and replace wet insulation;
- Eliminate drafts by plugging cracks, fixing broken windows, covering or closing open air vents;
- Disconnect and drain all garden hoses.

CITY UPDATES

CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED ITEMS

- City Council adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the City of Norfolk’s Incident Management Plan. This action was one of the requirements that must be met to continue to receive FY2006 preparedness funding.

Developed and administered by the Department of Homeland Security. NIMS establishes a common management system, language and training requirements to provide nationwide consistency for the federal, state, tribal and local governments which must work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.

Because everyone has the same training and understanding of the terms and leadership responsibilities and positions identified by the system, it reduces the confusion when state and federal government resources are integrated into the local emergency response efforts.

The City of Norfolk's Fire/Rescue and Police Departments has used the Incident Command System, which is part of NIMS, to respond to incidents for several years. Based on the City's experience with this system, adoption of NIMS will not significantly change the way business is conducted on a daily basis.

- RK Chevrolet has donated a 2004 Suburban Vehicle for use in recruiting by the Norfolk Police Department for a second period of one year.

The Norfolk Police Department is expanding efforts to recruit and hire quality applicants, increase diversity within the department, reduce the number of vacancies at any given time and insure a reliable level of police service at all times.

A police Recruitment Application Orientation Center (RAOC), with additional recruiting staff assigned, was established in collaboration with the Norfolk Department of Human Resources and continues to increase the department's potential for success in recruiting efforts.

The donated vehicle will be used by recruiters to transport personnel and equipment such as bulky recruiting displays. All funding to support and maintain the vehicle for one (1) year and subsequent years will come from the police department budget.

Viable police/community partnerships are vital to effective police operations and public safety. Accepting the proposal by RK Chevrolet provides an opportunity to enhance recruiting capabilities through public/private partnership.

- Council approved the closing of portions of Pleasant Avenue and 29th Bay Street in accordance with the East Beach Plan. The purpose of these street closures is to facilitate the development of Phase 4 & 5 of the East Beach Development, which includes single-family, multiple-family, townhouses, auxiliary structures and limited commercial.
- Council amended the City's Compensation Plan to add provisions concerning Norfolk employees volunteering to assist in declared emergencies outside the City. These provisions establish the circumstances under which emergency leave will be

granted, set guidelines and qualifications for an employee's eligibility for special emergency leave, and whether activities conducted while on special emergency leave are in the capacity as employees of the City of Norfolk.

This clarification is needed both currently, due to employees providing assistance out-of-state in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, as well as for future emergencies. Employees volunteering for Katrina assistance are screened and receive training through the American Red Cross to ensure understanding of the terms and conditions under which they will be working and their capability to provide applicable services.

The recommended change will enable the City Manager, upon a state or federally declared emergency outside the limits of Norfolk, to grant employees, upon their request, special emergency leave to assist the authorities in the area of the declared emergency. The willingness of Norfolk to provide personnel and related assistance in case of emergencies will, no doubt, be reciprocated in the event that there are similar local needs in the future.

- Council authorized the expenditure of the Rescue Squad Assistance Grant Funds from the State of Virginia's Office of Emergency Medical Services. The \$34,777 grant requires an equal match from the City, which has been appropriated in the FY06 Adopted Budget. The funds will be used to purchase for Lifepak 12 Cardiac Monitors.
- Council authorized the expenditure of \$367,200 in Help Americans Vote Act (HAVA) funds for the purchase of touch screen voting equipment. Congress appropriated funding for HAVA as part of a 2002 legislative package in which the City has received \$1,032,725. The Norfolk Electoral Board has requested the allocation of \$367,200 of the HAVA funds for the upgrade of touch-screen voting equipment by adding the Precinct Control Modules (Electronic Pollbooks) that were tested successfully during the 2004 Presidential Election. The addition of this latest innovation in voting technology will ensure the voters of Norfolk have continued access to the most up-to-date election technology.
- Council accepted a \$50,000 Virginia Domestic Violence Victims Fund grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, for the position of Domestic Violence Case Worker in the office of the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney.
- Council accepted a grant award of up to \$29,136 from the Office of Justice Programs Bulletproof Vests Program, appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the funds for the program and authorizing a local cash match of \$29,136.

- Council approved a contract between the Virginia, Department of Transportation, and the City of Norfolk relating to the Soundwall Improvement Project, and authorizing the expenditure funds heretofore appropriated.
- City Council appropriated up to \$80,000 from Tidewater Emergency Medical Services for Norfolk Fire-Rescue Services Continuous Education Unite classes. This account is used for training, instructor fees, equipment and supplies related to continuous education classes.
- City Council has accepted a state of Virginia litter control and recycling grant in the amount of \$67,398. The Office of Environmental Commission previously applied for these funds. These annual, non-competitive, non-matching grants are available to every locality in the state derived from Virginia's litter taxes.

Proposed project activities:

- Litter prevention programs including volunteer cleanups and coordination;
- Recognition and awards of local programs, community groups and individuals;
- Environmental education programs through the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center;
- Recycling education and awareness programs; and
- Sustainable building education.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Norfolk Airport Authority:

1. Chris G. Stephanitsis, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring August 19, 2008.
2. Blythe Ann Scott, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring August 19, 2008.
3. Gus J. James, II, reappointed, for a term beginning August 20, 2004 and expiring August 19, 2008.
4. Thomas P. Host, III, reappointed, for a term beginning August 20, 2004 and expiring August 19, 2008.

Botanical Garden Society Board of Trustees:

1. Jason E. Dodd, appointed, September 27, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2008.
2. Jared W. Turner, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2008.
3. Dorothy Glaize Ballard, reappointed, for a term beginning July 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2008.

Criminal Justice Board:

1. Elsie Harold Lans (education), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring September 26, 2008.
2. Louis B. Sherman (Chief Judge General District Court), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring September 26, 2008.
3. M. Randolph Carlson (Judge, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring September 26, 2007, which is the unexpired term of Judge William O. Hawkins, deceased.
4. Stanley Stein (city executive), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring September 26, 2006, which is the unexpired term of Shurl Montgomery, resigned.
5. Keith Denslow (citizen), reappointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring September 26, 2008.

Municipal Bond Commission

1. Simon H. Scott, III, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring February 28, 2007.

Economic Development Authority:

1. Lawrence A. Bernert, III, for a term beginning September 5, 2005 and expiring September 4, 2009.
2. Thomas E. Graves, III, for a term beginning September 5, 2005 and expiring September 4, 2009.

3. Doris B. Land, for a term beginning September 5, 2005 and expiring September 4, 2008.

Public Vehicle Driver Appeals Board of Review:

1. Louis Clay (public vehicle driver), for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2005.
2. Filmore D. Watson (public vehicle management), for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2005.

Police Fire-Trial Board:

1. Donna B. Alexander, for a term beginning July 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.
2. Peter G. Decker, III, for a term beginning July 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.
3. Charles D. Grant, for a term beginning July 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.

Norfolk Environmental Commission:

1. Veronica Haynes (education), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 21, 2008.
2. Robert Bertz (professional), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 21, 2008.
3. William F. Devine (professional), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 21, 2006, which is the unexpired term of Hildreth Strode, resigned.
4. Willie Barnes (community), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
5. Denise M. Davis (armed forces), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.

6. A. James English (professional), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
7. Charles E. Fleetwood (at-large), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007 .
8. Anthony L. Kealey (armed forces), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
9. Darren J. Klink (business/industry), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
10. Jeffrey P. Miskill (citizen interest), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
11. Debora Mosher (citizen interest), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
12. Richard Ken Parker (citizen interest), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
13. Barbara Scott (citizen interest), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.
14. Audrey P. Webb (community), reappointed, for a term beginning December 22, 2004 and expiring December 21, 2007.

Norfolk Health Services Advisory Board:

1. J. Thomas Pierce, M.D. (health care provider), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007.
2. Robert B. Whitmore, D.D.S. (health care provider), appointed for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007.
3. Mickey Stredler (public at large), appointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007.
4. Travis Lee, M.D. (health care provider), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2006.

5. Barbara Amos (recipient), reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007.
6. Webster M. Chandler, Jr. (public at large), reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2004 and expiring December 31, 2006.
7. Edward C. Oldfield, III, M.D. (health care provider), reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007.
8. Herman Wallace (public at large), reappointed, for a term January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2006.
9. Jaewan Yoon (local agency), reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2006.

Tidewater Community College Board

1. Admiral John T. Kavanaugh, reappointed for a term beginning July 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2009.

Norfolk Highway Safety Commission

1. Tim Forbes (school representative), for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring August 27, 2006.

Norfolk Recreation Commission:

1. Paul Ballance, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2006, which is the unexpired term of John E. Roger, deceased.
2. George H. Curtis, IV, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2005, which is the unexpired term of George H. Curtis, III, deceased.
3. Hal J. Bonney, Jr., reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning May 7, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2008.

Towing Advisory Board:

1. William B. Higgins, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 16, 2007.
2. Scott Zelna, appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 16, 2007.
3. Willie Barnes, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
4. Stephan Bennis (Police Department), reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
5. Ellen Harvey, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
6. Robert L. Huffman, Jr., reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
7. Jeff Keever, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
8. Eloise LaBeau, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
9. Bruce P. Marquis (Police Chief), reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
10. Pete Pennello, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
11. George Ricks, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
12. Nathaniel Riggins, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
13. Pauline Russell, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
14. Johnnie Speight (Police Department), reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.

15. Katherine Stark, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.
16. Jimmie Wilson, reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 17, 2004 and expiring October 16, 2007.

Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Board:

1. Paul R. Riddick, for a term beginning July 1, 2004 and expiring June 30, 2007.
2. George H. Banks (designee), for a term beginning for a term beginning July 1, 2004 and expiring June 30, 2007.

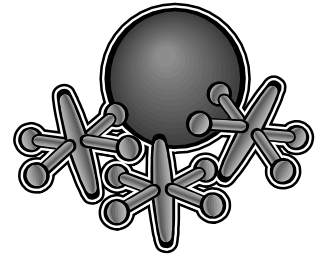
Legends of Music Walk of Fame Committee

1. James H. Newsom, III (professional musician), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 8, 2006.
2. Kathy Moore (music promotion), appointed, for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 8, 2008.
3. O'Neil Sanford, Ph.D. (music professor), appointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 8, 2008.
4. Jack Armistead (citizen), appointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 8, 2007.
5. Thomas Robotham (music commentator/critic), appointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning September 27, 2005 and expiring October 8, 2008.
6. Matthew L. Austin, Sr. (citizen), reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 9, 2004 and expiring October 8, 2007.
7. Tony V. Harold (music promotion), reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 9, 2004 and expiring October 8, 2007.

8. J. Scott Jackson (music promotion), reappointed, for a term beginning for a term beginning October 9, 2004 and expiring October 8, 2006.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Planning a Meeting in Norfolk is Child's Play! The NCVB sales team has been encouraging meeting planners to "Come Play with Us" at national tradeshows. Connect-the-dots mermaid pre-mailers have been sent to attending meeting planners to invite them to stop by the Norfolk booth at the events. The Norfolk sales team put the fun back into the tourism business by greeting planners at the booths with childhood activities and games such as hoola hoops, slinkies and jacks. This promotion is going strong—a record number of leads have been generated from recent tradeshows. Seventy-eight leads were received at American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) August in Nashville and 167 at Affordable Meetings September in Washington, DC.



Norfolk Gears Up for 2007. Virginia Tourism Corporation's bug marketing push for 2006 and 2007 is promoting the celebration of our nation's birthplace—Jamestown. The state and its tourism partners will be visiting six major cities—Alexandria, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Newport—via a recreation of the *Godspeed* "Sail" to promote Virginia tourism and the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown.

FIRE AND RESCUE

FEMA Teams respond to Hurricanes. The Norfolk Fire Rescue (NFR) personnel who are a part of Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) VA-1 were deployed to Biloxi, Gulfport, Florida, Mississippi and Texas in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The FEMA Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force VA-2 was also deployed in advance of Hurricane Rita.

City Awarded Homeland Security Grant to Enhance Fire Rescue Capabilities. The City has been seeking grant funding to replace self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for Fire-Rescue personnel. The Department of Homeland Security recently announced the award of a FY-2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to the Department. The grant, along with a 20 percent local match, will provide \$796,632 in funding for the replacement of the department's self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) as well as \$30,000 in funding for the purchase of additional thermal imaging cameras (TICs).

HUMAN SERVICES

The KRA Program: Working for the Unemployed. The tough job of reducing the ranks of Norfolk's unemployed has been given a boost with the arrival of KRA at Norfolk Human Services. Knowledge, Responsibility, and Achievement is the newest addition to our list of government acronyms and looks poised to stay top-of-mind with its mix of dedicated, intelligent staff and glowing past performance records.

KRA has been in existence for 20 years and is based in Silver Spring, Maryland. Currently located at 220 W. Brambleton Ave., KRA will eventually relocate to the new Workforce Development Center at Ward's Corner. A minority-owned company, KRA works primarily with federal and state assisted programs.

The company's role is broader in scope than with past vendors (the most recent being S.T.O.P.) KRA will handle all aspects of the employment services process, working hand-in-hand with the VIEW program (Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare).

KRA Director Don Scott describes the development. "We are providing everything, nuts and bolts, from the time customers come in through the intake process," he explains. "We do the assessment, identify any barriers they might have...enroll them in our job readiness program which we call "Citizens Learning and Achieving Self-Sufficiency, or CLASS," and then provide services for them through the job search process and even job retention."

And Scott believes retention to be a key issue. "A lot of folks can get an entry level job, but keeping that job with the myriad of issues that come up for folks in that population can be hard," he states. "Weathering certain storms can be difficult and we try to provide supportive services to ensure that retention."

KRA is a for-profit organization, and a results-driven ideology is definitely in play. Applicants are expected to find a job within 90 days. If this is not achieved, KRA will refer them to a list of employment opportunities or to community work experience programs. They are required to work to continue to receive TANF assistance. The process, says Scott, has proven highly successful. Before coming to Norfolk, he worked in Philadelphia and at last review posted significant results: 80 percent placement of applicants and 80 percent total retention.

"We are excited to be a part of all the overall enhancements that NDHS is making toward providing customer focused services to Norfolk residents," he says.

Now Playing on TV 48, The Norfolk Neighborhood Network-- Virginia's Heart Gallery. The Department of Human Services presents *Human Services Forum*, a half-hour informational program hosted by Jan Callaghan that explores the social issues that affect our community.

In October, *Human Services Forum* focuses on the topic of adoption and the November 5 launch of Virginia's first **Heart Gallery**. **Virginia's Heart Gallery** is an innovative photographic exhibit designed to promote adoption as an alternative for

expanding families. The exhibit will take place at the Norfolk Botanical Garden and feature 61 foster children throughout Hampton Roads who are seeking a permanent place to call home.

Human Services Forum can be viewed daily at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Norfolk 's TV 48, online at www.norfolk.gov.tv48 and on VHF Channel 7 WGBS-TV every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. and 9:30 pm.

Human Services Forum. Tune in, get the facts and get involved!

Holidays for Foster Children Project Gets Underway. The holiday season is quickly approaching and the Norfolk Department of Human Services' efforts have begun to ensure that every one of our 360+ children in foster care enjoys a happy holiday. The City of Norfolk relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations to achieve this goal. Your support will brighten the heart of a child this holiday season. Please consider donating a new toy, check, or gift certificate to benefit a Norfolk foster child.



You may send your tax-deductible contribution to:
Jill Baker / Holidays for Foster Children Project
Norfolk Department of Human Services
741 Monticello Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23510

The Earned Income Tax Credit. Financial struggles are a part of everyday life for many families in Hampton Roads. They work hard but often live from paycheck to paycheck because they have little, or no, savings and few financial assets. Thus, when a crisis hits home, the resulting financial hardship can be devastating.

Because of the economic hardship such situations can place upon the well being of these families, and thereby, upon the community, we believe that it is important to become involved and focused on strategies for support and assistance. The South Hampton Roads EITC Coalition (SHREITC) invites local businesses, faith-based organizations and community service agencies to get involved in spreading the word about the benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC is a special credit for low-income workers to reduce their federal income tax liability. Those who qualify will owe less in taxes and may be eligible for a bigger refund. The average EITC return for tax year 2005 is \$1800 per working family or individual. Yet one out of every five of those who qualify doesn't even apply for the EITC.

For more information on the EITC, the South Hampton Roads EITC Coalition and how your organization can help, call Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public

Information and Education at 664-6020, the Internal Revenue Information Line at 1-800-TAX-1040 or visit www.irs.gov/eitc.

PACE SUPPORT SERVICES

September 16, 2005 Minutes:

First Gold-Officer J.J. George

- Ø The construction in the downtown area has caused some minor annoyances, but the positive results far outweigh the temporary inconveniences. With several residential and commercial expansion projects underway, the growth and demand for more business and new residential space sends a clear sign that downtown is a desirable place to live, work and spend leisure time.
- Ø The homeless population in downtown continues to be a visible presence. The district still remains a safe place for the homeless to congregate. The public and private sectors have taken notice and are working closely with the police and other service providers in the hopes of producing positive solutions to address homeless concerns within the area.
- Ø There were some subsidiary increases in some offense areas, many of which can be attributed to acquaintance-related offences such as aggravated assaults between co-workers and friends at some of the local nightspots.
- Ø There were a few reported robberies to individuals that were later found to be larcenies from the person and/or disputes between homeless individuals over property, while some of the reported larceny offenses involved internal theft from inside businesses and office areas, as well as the misclassification of shoplifting offenses at downtown retailers.
- Ø A few vehicles were reported stolen from the downtown area, but several were later found to be towed for illegal parking, misplaced by intoxicated owners, or moved by an acquaintance without knowledge of the owner.
- Ø Officers continue to keep regular scheduled for training classes, such as Code Enforcement.

Katie Kitchin, Director, Office to End Homelessness, City of Norfolk

- Ø Many of Norfolk's homeless are addicted to a substance, and a large proportion are returning offenders who have left prison or jail.
- Ø There are a few permanent housing projects, including Shelter Plus Care which houses about 50 persons with multiple diagnoses. [Peggy Crutchfield has reported on this in the past]
- Ø Foster care which involves young people who "graduate" without reuniting with their parents or being adopted estimate 20 percent to be homeless.

- Ø 125 women in Norfolk were placed in emergency shelters as a result of domestic violence that brought with them 101 children. Many sought shelter but were referred to shelters in other localities due to capacity shortages.
- Ø There are 16 detox beds throughout all of Hampton Roads. Sixty units coming on line in the Park Place area in 2006 will greatly increase this.
- Ø The Healing Place in Richmond has at least 200 people engaged in a program at one time. They are showing 65 percent non-recidivism over 2 – 3 years.
- Ø Second Chances is the only governmental program located in the region that focuses on persons leaving prison/jail, get jobs or housing.
- Ø The Union Mission will be moving to the Virginia Natural Gas site, which will take about a year to two to finalize the project.
- Ø There is a need for regional strategies; Mayor Fraim has solicited the support of the Mayors in neighboring cities to develop a regional collaborative to begin working together on homelessness issues.

Round Table:

- Mickey Ann Garcia - the bid has gone out for the Pretlow Library, and that the temporary site for this library would open October 5th. There is also a plan for partnership in Libraries and Tidewater Community College to build a new library.
- Mike Dorfman - the Heart Gallery with Adopted Kids will be held at the Botanical Gardens November thru January. These are photos of adoptable children. Other places which have done this have seen increased adoption rates for these children.
- Betty Temple – NRHA is embarking on a new way to manage public houses, which will be much like the management of any large privately-owned apartment complex.

PLANNING AND BUILDING

Update on Construction Permit Backlog. With the authorization of overtime for Plan Review staff and the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Preservation, every plan submitted before September 30th was reviewed by October 2nd. Since that time, residential plans are reviewed within 5 days and commercial plans are reviewed within 10 days.

The City is committed to maintaining this timely review of construction documents while still maintaining a thorough review of all building safety elements. To ensure that this effort is maintained, we will be implementing changes that provide the most cost effective method of operation.

City Inspectors Participate in Sign Sweeps. Inspectors from the Department of Planning and Building and Neighborhood Preservation began a joint initiative this month

to address illegal signs in the Broad Creek and Five Point areas of the City. The inspections are designed to bring commercial businesses in compliance with the City's sign ordinance. Of particular concern in both of these areas is non-compliance with the sign ordinance as it relates to window signs.

City inspectors began sign inspections with follow-up visits in the Broad Creek area and along the approaches to the Homearama site. Violators are coming into compliance with all work in and around the Broad Creek area scheduled for completion next week. Also, inspection activities will begin in the Five Points area next week. Inspections and all follow-up activities for Five Points area is scheduled for completion by mid-October.

POLICE

Norfolk Police Academy 73rd Session Graduation. On September 1, 2005 the 73rd Class of the Norfolk Police Academy graduated 21 new police officers.

Officer Melvin Williams sang the *Star-Spangled Banner*. Chief Bruce P. Marquis introduced the guest speaker, The Honorable Jerrauld Jones, Counselor-at-Law and Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Special Achievements awards were presented: Firearms-Alexander Martynov; Physical Fitness-Martin H. Zelada; Honor Graduate-Lisa C. Heinzen; "Kit" Hurst Award-Richard M. Senter.

The President's Address was given by Wendy Measel, Class President, followed by the Badge Ceremony and Warrant of Appointment. Chief Marquis performed the swearing in of the new Norfolk Police Officers.

Promotions. Congratulations to these Norfolk Police Officers promoted to the ranks indicated, effective September 22, 2005.

Promoted to Captain:

- Lieutenant Paul S. Midgett
- Lieutenant Jayward Hanna

Promoted to Lieutenant:

- Sergeant Jerold G. Beer
- Sergeant Edward J. Ryan
- Sergeant Michael C. Maslow
- Sergeant Keitha L. Boone
- Sergeant Aaron M. Pomeranz
- Sergeant David B. Huffman
- Sergeant Harry R. Twiford

- Sergeant Joe M. Branning
- Sergeant Roger A. Hungerford

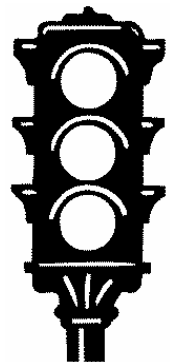
Promoted to Sergeant:

- Corporal Larry D. Boone
- Corporal Christopher D. Moore
- Corporal Douglas E. Frenier
- Corporal John B. Coghlan
- Corporal Craig S. Lovelace
- Corporal Todd C. Williams
- Corporal Robert C. Pavese
- Corporal Raoul A. Alvarez
- Corporal Jeffery M. Balen
- Corporal Michael F. Barnaby
- Corporal Stanley E. Rybaczuk, Jr.
- Corporal Fred L. Pratt, III
- Corporal John W. Stein, Jr.
- Corporal Jeffrey G. Garris
- Corporal James N. Stevens
- Corporal Lee A. Woiteshek
- Corporal Edwin A. Pagan

PROJECT UPDATES

High School Stadium Update. The high school stadium project in Lambert's Point was substantially completed last weekend, allowing Norfolk Public Schools to begin using the field for practices and other events beginning this week. The first official game scheduled for the stadium will take place on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 PM between Granby-Maury. NPS is planning a formal dedication ceremony at this game celebrating the stadium's opening and the significant support provided by City Council for this project.

Brambleton Bridge Replacement and Botetourt Signalization Project. Design work is nearing completion for the Brambleton Bridge and Botetourt Signal projects, which have been combined into one contract. After the traffic signal funding was approved, it made sense to combine them to take advantage of certain economies. The project has experienced a slight delay in the schedule as a result of an engineering adjustment related to the realignment of water lines, and changes to the project scope to include enhanced lighting, landscaping, and banners.



Design work is nearing completion and the project will be bid in early October. It is anticipated that the award of the construction contract will occur no later than January 2006. Once awarded, it is projected that construction will begin in spring 2006 with completion of the project scheduled for July 2007.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Pinner's Point. The Virginia Department of Transportation held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Pinner's Point Interchange. This ribbon cutting, took place on Tuesday, October 18th.

As you may recall, when the 1.5 mile project broke ground in March 2002, it was the largest single road construction contract ever awarded by the state. The new interchange removes up to 80 percent of traffic from the historic Port Norfolk neighborhood and ensures easier access to the Midtown tunnel for commuters. Norfolk provided \$2.5 million for this project from the City's "urban allocation" from the state. This funding was budgeted over five years and paid out in annual installments of \$500,000.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Schools Celebrate National School Bus Safety Week. Norfolk Public Schools will celebrate National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 16-22, 2005. The theme this year is "Flashing Red Means Stop Ahead."

The week-long commemoration is sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation and serves to bring attention to the important role school transportation officials and school bus drivers play in ensuring that students are safely transported to and from school.

The familiar yellow school bus has become one of the most powerful icons in American society. Yellow school buses safely transport almost 25 million kids to and from school every day. Norfolk Public Schools carries about is proud of its safety record. Our capable school bus drivers transport almost 20,000 youngsters while driving over 3.6 million miles each school year.

"Not only do we maintain our school bus fleet to ensure that they are in safe condition," said John Hazelette, Senior Director of Transportation Services, "but also we conduct bus driver in-services and driving reviews on a regular basis. Student safety is our main concern."

Individual schools are celebrating National School Bus Safety Week in a variety of ways including poster contests, essay writing, and bus driver recognition activities.



PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Magazine Names City's Department of Public Works as Best in Nation. Public Works Magazine has selected the City's Department of Public Works as the "Public Works Department of the Year" for 2005. Department staff received notification about the selection earlier this week. This is the first year that the magazine has given out the award. Among the accomplishments highlighted by the magazine in choosing our department for this award are: Bulk Waste Strike Team, Right of Way Management and Permit Fee Changes, Leadership Development Program, Abandoned Shopping Cart Program, Smart Traffic Center, and numerous construction projects.

This is a wonderful recognition for Public Works and the City. The editor of Public Works Magazine is scheduled to visit Norfolk on October 24th to present the department with a plaque and take photos of the staff and projects throughout the City. The department will be featured in the magazine's December issue. Congratulations to John and all the Public Works staff!

UTILITIES

Planning and Teamwork Result in Rapid Resolution to an Important Water Project.

Three City of Norfolk service departments, the Virginia department of Transportation (VDOT) and state-controlled Miss Utilities recently worked together on a project that exemplifies outstanding interagency cooperation and customer service.

The customer was Norfolk Academy; the project was the installation of a new, larger water tap to accommodate the school's expanded facility; the main issue was the coordination and scheduling of the departments so that the work could be completed and the boulevard restored to normal before the beginning of the school term.

Completion of the project required the Department of Utilities to tap into an existing 20" water main, located in the east lane of Northampton Boulevard at the end of the exit ramp off I-64 West. TO do this, coordination with VDOT was essential.

Because the Northampton Boulevard ramp is a high-speed, high-volume area and the project extended beyond three days, the traffic control plan required detailed forethought to safety. In compliance with Virginia Work Area Protection Manual, VDOT created a traffic control plan, the implementation of which was divided between VDOT and Utilities. This included warnings of traffic pattern changes on the I-64 variable message boards, post-mounted advance-warning signs, and extended transition area utilizing traffic barrels, installation of equipment in the buffer area and Jersey barriers around the work zone for protection of the workers. In addition, Utilities employees conducted daytime and nighttime drive-through inspections of the area to ensure its integrity for the duration of the project.

The depth of the excavation required that the spoil, or the excavated material, be removed and placed a measurable safe distance away from the site. This, too, was for the safety of the workers, and required additional planning time.

In order to place the signs and for the excavation itself, Miss Utilities had to be notified in time to mark the work area's existing utilities, which included two telecommunication systems, fiber optic cables for traffic signals, water and electrical power.

The Norfolk Public Works Department was also essential in the planning process, since that department is responsible for paving and restoring roadways after utilities repairs are made. It was important that Public Works begin the road repair immediately after the tap was made, to avoid inconveniencing travelers for a longer period of time.

Months in planning, the project was originally scheduled for August 15-19. It was to be a "one-week wonder", specifically designed to give Norfolk Academy the service it needed in time for the opening of school and to minimize any inconvenience to traffic on a main thoroughfare.

As luck would have it, Hurricane Irene was lingering off the coast of Florida, forcing Utilities to postpone the project for safety's sake. The rescheduled date was August 22-28, and Norfolk Academy was set to begin its fall term the following Tuesday. This made the scheduling and execution of the project even more critical. The extensive planning paid off.

Even though the project was postponed, and despite the fact that it rained the entire first day of excavation, Utilities dug up the main and made the tap in one day. During the next two days, crews extended the tap to the meter, which was on Norfolk Academy property, about 40 feet away from the highway. By Friday, Public Works paved the disrupted area of Northampton Boulevard, and by Saturday morning the normal traffic pattern was restored.

"All in all this was a very successful project," said Utilities Operations Manager Eric Tucker. "The City saved time and money, reduced the inconvenience to commuters using I-64 to travel to Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore, and supplied Norfolk Academy with the service it needs for current and future needs."

For more than a year Norfolk Utilities and Public Works have been closely coordinating their repair efforts and reducing the inconvenience that can be used by the disruption of traffic. The two departments work so closely on projects that the paving contractor is on site and developing a plan before Utilities is finished with the job. That way, the pavement can be done immediately after job is completed. There is not need for temporary patch to be followed later by permanent paving, and there is no need for traffic to be disrupted a second time.

Norfolk Pure Available in Vending Machines at City Facilities.

Norfolk's own bottled water will soon be available for sale in approximately 20 vending machines at various City facilities. The City recently entered into a new agreement with CRH catering to stock Norfolk Pure bottled water in vending machines. CRH is purchasing Norfolk Pure from the Department of Utilities and under the new



agreement will place the bottle water in its machines at the following office locations: Utilities, Information Technology, Public Works, Human Services, Public Health, Facility Maintenance, and the Community Service Board

This partnership is an exciting opportunity to expand the message to the public regarding the high quality and great taste of Norfolk's drinking water. This unique marketing opportunity comes to the City at no cost. CRH will absorb the costs of the bottled water and distributes the product. As other Norfolk vending machine service contracts come up for renewal, similar agreements will be sought.

Adjustments to Water Treatment Process Saves Millions in Future Plant Upgrades.

Two years ago, the Department of Utilities began pilot testing ferric sulfate in the water treatment process as a new method for reducing turbidity in water. Turbidity refers to how clear the water is as determined by the total number of naturally occurring particles or suspended solids (TSS) in the water. As the number of TSS in water increases, the turbidity rate increases, which is the cause of the murky appearance of water.

While studying the effects of ferric sulfate, the department noted a simultaneous reduction in Norfolk's already low disinfection byproducts (DBP). In fact, ferric sulfate proved to reduce DBP associated with the water treatment process by 20 percent. Ferric sulfate has been increasingly incorporated into the treatment process at the Moores Bridges Water Treatment Plant and a complete conversion to this compound was recently achieved. This change reduces both turbidity and DBP for a very small increase in operational cost and no capital cost. To achieve similar results, the department had begun planning large scale capital improvements to the treatment plant. Instead, an adjustment in the compounds used in drinking water treatment achieved the same goals and avoids approximately \$50 million in future capital expenditures.

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE HERMITAGE FOUNDATION

The Hermitage Foundation has been awarded \$50,000 in matching funds from the Living Shoreline Grants Program to support the building of a Living Shoreline which will help protect the foundation's property from water erosion as well as provide an environmentally sound alternative to hard-scape erosion control. The Hermitage is seeking an additional \$87,000 to meet the needs of the project, which is expected to take three years to complete.

The Lafayette River wraps around The Hermitage on three sides, providing not only a beautiful backdrop to walks through the gardens and outdoor events, but a natural habitat for hundreds of plants and animals. Over the years as nearby development has increased bulk-heading, the Lafayette has changed its currents and washed away most of

the original wetlands submerging 2 acres. The river is now undermining the stability of seawalls and an historic garden wall at The Hermitage.

To remedy the problems caused by the river's encroachment, The Hermitage is partnering with Elizabeth River Project, Algonquin Garden Club, NOAA Restoration Center, Harborfront Garden Club, Bio-Eco Club of Norfolk Christian High School and the City of Norfolk to create a Living Shoreline. The Living Shoreline and Wetlands Restoration project will add 5,265 square feet of native tidal wetlands, restore 6,375 square feet of wetlands, and restore 11,635 square feet of riparian buffer, which together will act as a natural filtration system, improving water quality in the Lafayette, a major tributary of the Elizabeth River. The shoreline will help absorb and filter floodwaters from the urban watershed of Southeastern Virginia, which is 90 percent developed and receives as much as 90 percent of new pollution from storm water runoff. Once complete, the Living Shoreline will also increase native habitats for aquatic life, reptiles, birds and mammals in an area which has lost 50 percent of its tidal wetlands since World War II. Replacing hard-scape erosion control methods with the Living Shoreline at The Hermitage will support the natural environment while stabilizing the coastline, which is essential to protecting The Hermitage Foundation's historic structures.

The Living Shoreline will serve as a teaching model for environmentally positive wetland restoration and preservation and will provide an exciting opportunity to share innovative solutions with the community through educational workshops and presentations. The Hermitage is also inviting school groups, local youth organizations, civic associations, garden clubs, and home and business owners to participate in the various stages of the project set to begin as early as spring of 2006 with the replacement of invasive marsh-depleting reeds with stabilizing salt marsh grasses. The final stages of the project—the creation of informational panels along boardwalk trails through the newly created marshes—will educate the public and encourage the replication of the Living Shoreline Wetlands Restoration project.

The Living Shoreline Grants program was developed in 2004 to promote natural shoreline restoration projects throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. The grant program is designed to support the creation of Living Shorelines by raising public awareness of alternatives to hard-scape erosion control, such as bulk heads, stone revetments, and seawalls, all of which increase the rate of coastal erosion and hinder the filtration of pollutants in watershed run-off. The program is supported by a unique public-private partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Restoration Center, and The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment.

Contributions to the Hermitage Foundation Living Shoreline Wetlands Restoration Project are tax deductible and can be made to The Hermitage Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Formerly home to the Sloane family, the Hermitage is surrounded by twelve acres of woodlands and gardens on the shore of the Lafayette River. The Hermitage offers 45-

minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. Two galleries feature changing art exhibitions.

Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, under 6 and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit www.thfm.org.

HEALTHWATCH SCRIPT FROM TV48

**GOOD DAY! I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS IS
HEALTHWATCH!**

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH AND -- IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAMATIC IMPACT OF TOBACCO USE ON DENTAL HEALTH -- THE AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION -- THE ADHA -- HAS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN THAT FOCUSES ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ORAL HEALTH AND TOBACCO USE. DURING LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH, THE ADHA FOCUSED ON TOBACCO CESSATION PRACTICES, PROMOTED BY DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

THE ADHA IS ENCOURAGING DENTAL HYGIENISTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH BY CONTINUING TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF TOBACCO-RELATED RISK FACTORS, ESPECIALLY THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE ON ORAL HEALTH.

JOINING ME IN THE STUDIO NOW IS DR. MICHELLE GALLOWAY, DIRECTOR OF DENTAL SERVICES AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WELCOME, DR. GALLOWAY!

HOW SERIOUS AN ISSUE IS THE IMPACT OF TOBACCO USE ON ORAL AND DENTAL CARE?

WELL, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE, TERRANCE, THAT ANY KIND OF TOBACCO USE – CIGARETTES OR SMOKELESS, CHEWING TOBACCO – CAN CAUSE ORAL CANCER. TOBACCO CAUSES EIGHTY PER CENT OF ORAL CANCERS.

AND WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF ORAL CANCER?

ORAL CANCER SYMPTOMS MIGHT INCLUDE: RED, WHITE, OR RED AND WHITE LESIONS THAT DON'T HEAL IN TWO WEEKS; A SWELLING OR A LUMP OR THICKENING IN THE MOUTH OR THROAT; HOARSENESS; SORENESS OR FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS CAUGHT IN THE THROAT; DIFFICULTY CHEWING OR SWALLOWING; OR DIFFICULTY MOVING THE TONGUE OR JAW.

BUT CANCER IS NOT THE ONLY ORAL HEALTH ISSUE THAT SMOKERS OR TOBACCO CHEWERS NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT, IS IT?

NO, NOT AT ALL. IN ADDITION TO CANCER, A MAJOR ORAL CONCERN FOR THOSE THAT USE TOBACCO IS PERIODONTAL DISEASE.

PERIODONTAL DISEASE IS A BACTERIAL INFECTION IN THE GUMS THAT CAN CAUSE EITHER TOOTH DECAY AND/OR LOSS. IT CAN EVEN DESTROY THE JAWBONE. IT IS ALSO LINKED TO HEART DISEASE, LUNG DISEASE, DIABETES AND PREMATURE BABIES.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER ORAL HEALTH CONCERNS THAT USERS OF TOBACCO SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

YES. THE TARS AND CHEMICALS IN TOBACCO CAN STAIN AND/OR DISCOLOR TEETH. FREQUENTLY, THE DISCOLORING AND STAINING THAT COMES FROM EXTENSIVE TOBACCO USE IS IRREVERSIBLE.

ADDITIONALLY, LEUKOPLAKIA, A WHITE ORAL PATCH THAT IS OFTEN VIEWED AS PRE-CANCEROUS, OCCURS SIX-TIMES MORE FREQUENTLY IN NON-WHITES. ANOTHER THING THAT I'D LIKE TO MENTION ARE THE SUGARS THAT APPEAR IN CHEWING TOBACCO – ALSO KNOWN AS “SPIT.” “SPIT” CAN CAUSE ABRASIONS, AS WELL AS TOOTH DECAY. TOBACCO CHEWERS ARE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO HAVE TOOTH DECAY THAN NON-CHEWERS.

OK! LET’S TALK NOW ABOUT THE DENTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT FIRST, WHY DON’T YOU GIVE OUR VIEWERS THE WEBSITE INFORMATION FOR THE AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS SITES FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT WANT MORE INFORMATION ON TOBACCO USE AND ORAL HEALTH?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENIST ASSOCIATION AND THE LINK BETWEEN ORAL HEALTH AND GENERAL MEDICAL HEALTH, VISIT THE ADHA WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://WWW.ADHA.ORG](http://www.adha.org). ADHA ORAL HEALTH FACT SHEETS CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.ADHA.ORG/MEDIA](http://www.adha.org/media).

TO MANY NORFOLK RESIDENTS, THE DENTAL CLINICS BASED IN THE LITTLE CREEK AND PARK PLACE MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE CENTERS PROVIDE AN INVALUABLE SERVICE -- UNAVAILABLE TO THEM ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE CITY. WHAT IS THE TARGET POPULATION SERVED BY THE DENTAL CLINICS OF THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH?

OUR CLINICS SEE PATIENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD PRIVATE DENTISTS, ESPECIALLY RESIDENTS OF NORFOLK ENROLLED IN NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE GENERALLY SEE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF THREE AND EIGHTEEN -- OR UP TO THE COMPLETION OF

HIGH SCHOOL. THE AMERICAN RED CROSS PROVIDES DENTAL CARE TO OUR ADULT PATIENTS.

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HEALTHWATCH TV 48 SCRIPT

INFLUENZA

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT WE BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT INFLUENZA – THE FLU. OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO FLU SYMPTOMS, TREATMENT AND IMMUNIZATIONS.

EACH YEAR, SOME FIFTY MILLION AMERICANS GET THE FLU, ONE-HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND AMERICANS ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH INFLUENZA AND SOME TWENTY THOUSAND OF INFECTED PERSONS DIE FROM THE DISEASE.

UNLESS PROPERLY IMMUNIZED, EACH OF US IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO INFLUENZA INFECTION. BUT THE PERSONS THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE ARE SENIOR CITIZENS, VERY YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE CHRONICALLY ILL. SO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE RISK FACTORS, THE FULL LENGTH OF THE FLU SEASON AND THAT THERE ARE SOME MYTHS ABOUT THE FLU SHOT.

JOINING ME IN THE STUDIO NOW TO HELP US GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FLU, ITS SYMPTOMS, AND IMMUNIZATION AGAINST THE FLU IS JOHN MONROE, THE DISTRICT EPIDEMIOLOGIST AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

I GUESS WE HAD BETTER BEGIN, JOHN, BY DESCRIBING THE FLU. WHAT IS INFLUENZA?

INFLUENZA -- THE FLU -- IS A VIRAL DISEASE THAT AFFECTS THE RESPIRATORY TRACT. THERE ARE TWO MAIN TYPES OF THE INFLUENZA VIRUS -- TYPE A AND B. BOTH INCLUDE MANY DIFFERENT STRAINS THAT TEND TO CHANGE EVERY YEAR.

HOW IS THE INFLUENZA VIRUS SPREAD?

INFLUENZA IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS. IT CAN EASILY BE SPREAD THROUGH CONTACT WITH TINY DROPLETS FROM THE NOSE AND THROAT OF AN INFECTED PERSON, ESPECIALLY BY COUGHING AND SNEEZING.

BUT THE INFLUENZA VIRUS CAN BE SPREAD OTHER WAYS, CAN'T IT?

ABSOLUTELY! IT CAN ALSO BE SPREAD BY SIMPLY TOUCHING A SURFACE ON WHICH THE VIRUS HAS SETTLED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU TOUCH AN INFECTED PERSON'S HAND AND THEN PUT YOUR OWN HAND TO YOUR MOUTH OR NOSE, YOU CAN GET THE FLU. SURFACES THAT ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING CONTAMINATED SHOULD BE AVOIDED. A VERY GOOD WAY TO AVOID SUCH A RISK IS TO ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY.

OK! LET'S SAY THAT I HAVE BECOME INFECTED WITH THE FLU. HOW LONG CAN I SPREAD THE VIRUS?

ADULTS CAN PASS THE VIRUS FROM THREE TO SEVEN DAYS AFTER SYMPTOMS BEGIN. CHILDREN CAN SPREAD THE VIRUS MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THEY HAVE BECOME INFECTED.

SO, WHAT SHOULD WE LOOK FOR? WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF THE FLU?

FLU SYMPTOMS INCLUDE FEVER, DRY COUGH, SORE THROAT, NASAL CONGESTION, HEADACHE, BODY ACHES, AND FATIGUE. BUT IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU HAVE THE FLU IF YOU HAVE ANY ONE OR A COMBINATION OF THESE SYMPTOMS. THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION IS TO BE EXAMINED BY YOUR PHYSICIAN. GENERALLY, WITHIN THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER SYMPTOMS APPEAR, YOUR DOCTOR CAN PERFORM TESTS TO SEE IF YOU HAVE INFLUENZA.

HOW LONG DOES THE FLU LAST, JOHN?

MOST PEOPLE RECOVER FROM INFLUENZA IN ONE TO TWO WEEKS. YET, MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE AGE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR OLDER, AS WELL AS CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE, AND VERY YOUNG CHILDREN COULD POTENTIALLY DEVELOP LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS THAT WILL ALSO CAUSE THE DISEASE TO LINGER LONGER.

WHAT SORT OF COMPLICATIONS?

INFLUENZA COMPLICATIONS THAT OCCUR IN VERY YOUNG CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE INCLUDE -- PNEUMONIA, BRONCHITIS, AND SINUS AND EAR INFECTIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE FLU CAN ALSO MAKE CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS EVEN WORSE. PERSONS WHO HAVE SUCH HEALTH CONDITION AS CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, KIDNEY DISEASE, CYSTIC FIBROSIS, DIABETES, ANEMIA, ASTHMA, CANCER OR A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR DOCTOR BEFORE GETTING A FLU SHOT.

JOHN, HOW LONG DOES THE FLU SEASON LAST IN THE UNITED STATES?

THE FLU SEASON IN THE UNITED STATES TRADITIONALLY RUNS FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL. THE PEAK FLU SEASON IN VIRGINIA, HOWEVER, OCCURS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. VIRGINIA'S PEAK FLU SEASON, HOWEVER, CAN ALSO LAST AS LATE AS MARCH.

SO WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GET A FLU SHOT?

THE BEST TIME TO GET IMMUNIZED AGAINST THE FLU IS DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, FLU SHOTS GIVEN IN DECEMBER -- OR EVEN LATER -- CAN STILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE.

OK... LET'S SAY THAT YOU FAIL TO GET A FLU SHOT AND THEN GET THE FLU. HOW IS THE FLU TREATED?

IF SOMEONE HAS THE FLU, THEY SHOULD GET PLENTY OF REST, DRINK PLENTY OF LIQUIDS, AVOID USING ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO, AND TAKE MEDICATION. HOWEVER, UNLESS PRESCRIBED BY THEIR DOCTOR, THEY SHOULD NEVER GIVE ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN OR TEENAGERS WHO HAVE FLU SYMPTOMS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN A FEVER IS PRESENT.

WHY IS THAT?

ASPIRIN CAN CAUSE REYES SYNDROME IN CHILDREN EXHIBITING FLU SYMPTOMS.

MOST OF OUR VIEWERS HAVE LIKELY HEARD OF REYES SYNDROME, BUT PLEASE TELL US MORE.

REYES SYNDROME IS A RARE BUT SERIOUS ILLNESS THAT CAN AFFECT ANY BODY ORGAN, ESPECIALLY THE LIVER AND BRAIN. IT OCCURS MOST OFTEN IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH -- WHEN THE FLU IS MOST PREVALENT. GIVING

ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WHO HAVE INFLUENZA CAN CAUSE REYES SYNDROME. THEREFORE, NEVER GIVE ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN WHEN THEY HAVE THE FLU.

JOHN, LET'S SHIFT GEARS FOR A MINUTE. WHY ARE PEOPLE RELUCTANT TO GET FLU SHOTS?

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MYTHS ABOUT THE FLU SHOT.

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT FLU SHOTS DON'T WORK. THE FLU VACCINE MAY NOT PROVIDE ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT PROTECTION, BUT IT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE FROM SEVENTY TO NINETY PER CENT EFFECTIVE.

CAN YOU SHARE ANOTHER MYTH WITH US?

MANY PEOPLE ALSO BELIEVE THAT A FLU SHOT THIS YEAR WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE DISEASE IN THE FUTURE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE VIRUSES THAT CAUSE THE FLU ARE CONSTANTLY MUTATING AND CHANGING. NEW STRAINS OF THE FLU OCCUR EVERY YEAR. SO, NEW VACCINE FORMULAS MUST BE CREATED EACH YEAR.

SO, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO GET A FLU SHOT ANNUALLY. OUR VIEWERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR PRIVATE PHYSICIANS OF COURSE TO GET THEIR FLU SHOTS. BUT, EVERY YEAR, THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONDUCTS AN INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVE. WHERE CAN PEOPLE CALL, JOHN, TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM – THE DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS?

THEY CAN CALL THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT 683-2034. THAT NUMBER AGAIN IS 683-2034!

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Holiday Happenings:

Wreath design workshops

Join NBG Adult Program Coordinator & Floral Designer Betty Ann Galway and learn step-by-step how to make decorative holiday wreaths. Participants will create their own wreaths to take home and enjoy. All floral supplies are included. Bring garden gloves and clippers.

DELLA ROBBIA WREATH

Thursday December 15, 9:30-11:30am

Design your very own fresh holiday wreath accented with fruit and berries in the classic Williamsburg style known as Della Robbia. Fresh balsam fir wreaths will be the base for this holiday decoration.

Cost: \$50/\$40 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 20

Garden Gourmet Series – sponsored by the Herb Society of Virginia

Both classes taught by the dynamic duo of Carol Kramer & Anna Pratt!

October 20 – Thursday – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Herbal Tour of Morocco

Come learn how important the herbs and spices of the middle east are to Moroccan cooking, while sampling delicious dishes from this exotic land. We will learn about the traditional method of cooking in a tagine and taste a b'isleta.

Cost: \$18/\$12 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 30

December 3 – Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bread Making Workshop

Back by popular demand with a twist – make your own loaf of European style bread while learning techniques and recipes for bread from all around the world, including a cardamom braid and Georgian cheese bread. Participants will make their own bread dough to take home; bake and enjoy as fresh, warm bread for dinner that night!

Cost: \$24 per class/\$18 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 20

THESE CLASSES FILL VERY EARLY SO DON'T MISS OUT!

Museum Stores of Hampton Roads Present:

A Holiday Affair

Sunday, November 6th

11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Baker Hall

Find unique, unusual, elegant and eclectic treasures, as 10 gift shops from area museums open their doors under our roof. Members get discounts, everyone gets refreshments, a chance at winning door prizes, and a head start on the holiday season!

Continue the Tradition of Making Memories That Will Last For A Lifetime!

CATCH THE POLAR EXPRESS!

Mondays - Thursdays November 28 – December 22 -- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Children of all ages will enjoy a reading of the award winning book, *The Polar Express*, followed by a ride through the North Pole! Make a treasured keepsake holiday craft and enjoy hot chocolate! Then wrap up in your blankets and take a ride on the Garden's "Polar Express" through the Garden of Lights. This activity is planned for parents to accompany their children.

Cost: \$8 per person

Nights fill up fast, Reserve your spaces early!

Best Plants of Hampton Roads

Tuesdays (4 week series) – November 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Develop your ideas just in time for fall planting with Mark Weathington, NBG Director of Horticulture and columnist of *Local Growers* in the *Virginian-Pilot*. This four week course takes an in-depth look at the best performing plants for this area, including the culture, care and companions of these must-have plants.

Cost: \$70/\$46 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 30

Walk and Talk Series – Gardener's Choice

Fridays -- 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

November 11th

Tour the best of what's in bloom on this behind-the-scenes stroll. See the Garden in a whole new light when you walk with those who have made it grow!

Cost-\$10/\$4 for NBG Members

Garden Gourmet Series – sponsored by the Herb Society of Virginia

Taught by the dynamic duo of Carol Kramer & Anna Pratt!

November 12 – Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Bread Making Workshop

Back by popular demand -- with a twist! Make your own loaf of European style bread while learning techniques and recipes for bread from all around the world, including a cardamom braid and Georgian cheese bread. Participants will make their own bread dough to take home; bake and enjoy as fresh, warm bread for dinner that night!

Cost: \$24 per class/\$18 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 20

Trees for Life – sponsored by the Hampton Roads Tree Care Association

Saturday November 12th – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Trees need proper care throughout their lives — from tiny seedlings to ancient veterans.

Proper maintenance and diagnosis of tree health by professionals is critical. Join us to learn more about planting young trees, restoration and how to recognize tree defects.

Watch and learn while certified arborists demonstrate pruning methods, planting and tree removal and install lightning protection high up on a loblolly pine, the nesting tree for our family of American Bald Eagles.

Cost: \$10/\$4 for NBG Members

Mushroom ID – Theresa Augustin, Curator of Natural Areas

NOVEMBER 15th -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

You don't have to go wild but you should go au naturel. Find out benefits of incorporating native plants in your garden. These true Tidewater performers add beauty and natural habitats to your garden.

COST \$12 per program/\$6 per program NBG Members

Gardens by DESIGN – Lunch and Learn

NOVEMBER 18th – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Camellias: The Winter Rose

Bring a brown bag lunch or reserve a box lunch and sit in on this exciting new series.

This fall spend your lunch hour learning tips and ideas to become a better gardener from NBG experts. Offered the 4th Friday of each month.

Cost-\$10/\$4 for NBG Members

Box Lunches-\$10 (must be pre-ordered)

Wood Furniture Making Workshop

Saturday November 19th – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Get creative with Bobby Bridges, owner of Twiggs & Limbs Rustic Furniture, and learn all the tricks of making whimsical yet strong wooden furniture. Each participant will make a small table or plant stand. Bring a hammer and drill (preferably cordless).

Cost: \$65 per session/\$45 for NBG Members

Class min: 8 / max: 18

FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOPS

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS

Tuesdays – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Learn step by step how to make these festival floral arrangements with NBG's Adult Program Coordinator & Floral Designer Betty Ann Galway. Participants will create their own arrangements to take home and enjoy. All floral supplies included. Bring garden gloves and clippers.

FALL'S BEAUTIFUL BOUNTY – NOVEMBER 22nd

Celebrate Thanksgiving with family, friends, and FLOWERS. Create a "low-carb" floral feast for your eyes. Participants will put together their own bountiful table arrangements that will compete with only the Thanksgiving turkey.

HOLIDAY GREENS – DECEMBER 6th

Bring the richness of winter's colorful berries and the fragrance and textures of Holiday greens into your home. You will make an arrangement that should last beautifully through the holidays

Cost: \$40/\$30 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 20

GARDEN OF LIGHTS

Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve

5:30 to 10:00 p.m. nightly

Norfolk Botanical Garden will be aglow with all the brilliance of the holiday season during Garden of Lights. The four seasons come alive with close to a million twinkling lights!

Cost (per car): \$10/ members get \$2 off!

For more information about Garden of Lights, please call 441-5830 ext. 312 or visit our website www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

Remember -- your support of Garden of Lights keeps Norfolk Botanical Garden blooming year-round.

\$8 members per car

\$10 non-members per car

\$15 combo ticket with Holiday Lights at the Beach – limited availability

\$20 limos and 15-passenger vans

Get your tickets online at www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org, through the Members-Only Reservation Line at (757) 441-5830 ext. 309, or at the gate.

Special rates are available for groups of 16 or more.

Reservations required for all motor coach tours. Call Heather Elford at (757) 441-5830 ext. 318 or email grouptours@nbgs.org for more information or reservations.

CHRYSLER HALL

BROADWAY'S AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL DISNEY'S THE LION KING

Group Tickets Now on Sale!!

Disney's The Lion King has been confirmed for a multiple-week limited engagement at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk beginning December 9th, 2005. This United States National Tour is currently one of nine productions running worldwide along with New York, Tempe, Sydney, London, Hamburg, Scheveningen, Tokyo and Nagoya. Opening night in Norfolk is set for Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 p.m., with preview performances on December 9th at 8:00 p.m. and December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for groups of (20) or more. A toll free number, 1-888-500-BWAY (2929), is available for group ticket information and to place an order. Groups should order now to get the best seats before tickets go on sale to the general public in June 2005.

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

PARTNERS IN PROGRAMMING NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Before European settlers landed on American shores, bald eagles numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Now endangered, they once existed along both coasts – from Labrador to southern Florida, Baja California to Alaska – and everywhere in between. The bald eagle was chosen June 20, 1782 as the emblem of the United States not only due

to its longevity, strength, and majesty, but also because it was believed to inhabit only North America.

This past December, a pair of nesting bald eagles relocated to Norfolk Botanical Garden from the Norfolk International Airport. During the nesting period, visitors to the Garden will have the opportunity to observe bald eagles in a natural habitat. The Museum has teamed up with the Garden to present an informative educational brochure, *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art*, that tells more about eagles and the appropriation of their image in art and national symbolism. *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art* will be available at both the Museum and Norfolk Botanical Garden while supplies last.

SENIORS ART FORUM

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

2 Wednesday (Open until 9 p.m. with admission by voluntary contribution):

12:30 p.m./Gallery Chat: In honor of All Saint's and All Souls' Days: *Saints and Sinners in the Chrysler Collection*

6:15 p.m./The Art of Jazz & The Fine Art of Wine with Anna Gunn: The Chrysler presents *The Art of Jazz* every Wednesday night featuring popular regional performers. The Museum offers visitors the opportunity to relax in Huber Court or stroll through the galleries. Sponsored by Farm Fresh, *The Fine Art of Wine*—an informal tasting—takes place the first Wednesday of each month.

3 Thursday

11 a.m./Tickle My Ears: American Furniture: Tables, Chairs and Breakfast: This unique program for pre-kindergarten children meets on the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. for stories, songs, and surprises that help young children appreciate art. Reservations are not necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6239 for group reservations. In addition, the Norfolk Public Library's Kirn Memorial Branch will suggest a list of books related to the chosen topic. This program has been generously funded by The Norfolk Foundation.

4 Friday

5:30-9 p.m./For Art's Sake Fourth Annual Oyster Roast on the Museum Lawn:

Savor an autumn evening under the stars with all-you-can-eat oysters, cash bar, and live music by Lewis McGehee. *Behind the Seen: The Chrysler's Hidden Museum* will be open as well. This event sold out last year so buy your tickets now! \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (757) 965-2045.

10 Thursday

12 noon/Federal Profiles: *Fun for the Whole Family: Leisure Activities in Federal-Period Norfolk* at the Freemason Street Reception Center:

How would you spend your free time if you had no television, radio, internet, or public library? Using newspaper accounts and correspondence from the Moses Myers family papers, Museum Archivist Joe Mosier will show how theater, horse races, and a fascination for the unusual filled the leisure hours of Norfolk's early citizens. Cost: Free to Members, \$4 for non-members. Box lunches may be ordered for \$8. For reservations, please call the Freemason Reception Center at (757) 441-1526.

1 p.m./Special Tour Program: *Behind the Seen: Conservation*: In connection with *Behind the Seen: The Chrysler's Hidden Museum*, join Museum Conservator Mark Lewis to learn how the Museum's collection is restored and cared for "behind the seen."

Participants will have the unique opportunity to visit spaces not normally open to the public; visits will be followed by a docent-led tour of the exhibition. Each program is limited to 15 participants; please call (757) 333-6268 to make reservations or for more information.

13 Sunday

2 p.m./Sunday Surprise: *Museum Detectives on the Trail: Old Masters*—in

conjunction with *Behind the Seen: The Chrysler's Hidden Museum* : Each month, families follow a new gallery based on an artwork in the exhibition. Museum Detectives will decipher clues that lead them from the exhibition and around the Museum in order to solve a "mystery." Music and hands-on activities will round out each special program. For more information, please call (757) 333-6239 or (757) 333-6268.

2 p.m./Public Tour: *Norfolk and Western Railway Photographs by O. Winston Link*

19 Saturday

10 a.m.-5 p.m./Museum Shop: *Holiday Open House*: Just in time for your holiday shopping, the Museum Shop will host its Annual Holiday Open House on November 19 and 20, celebrating our beautifully renovated new Shop with exciting new stock to complement the redesigned interior. Enjoy refreshments and try your chances for door prizes while you browse the new and improved Shop for the perfect holiday gifts.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

1 Thursday

11 a.m./Tickle My Ears: *Behind the Seen: The Chrysler's Hidden Museum*: This unique program for pre-kindergarten children meets on the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. for stories, songs, and surprises that help young children appreciate art. Reservations are not necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6239 for group reservations. In addition, the Norfolk Public Library's Kirn Memorial Branch will suggest a list of books related to the chosen topic. This program has been generously funded by The Norfolk Foundation.

4 Sunday

1-5 p.m./Holidays Along the Cannonball Trail: Seven of the sites along the Cannonball Trail welcome the public to celebrate the holidays of yesteryear: Hunter House, Freemason Baptist Church, MacArthur Memorial, Moses Myers House, Norfolk History Museum at Willoughby Baylor House, St. Paul's Church and Purdie Taylor Whittle House. Join us for tours, music, refreshments, hands-on family activities and decorations that compliment the historic surroundings.

2 p.m./Sunday Surprise: *The Sound of Celebration*: Suzuki Violinists of Ingleside will present *The Sound of Celebration*, an afternoon filled with melodious stringed instruments that will inspire and explore the diversity of the Museum's Permanent Collection. This youth group of talented musicians aged six to 16 will present the sounds of celebrations from around the world, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. For more information, please call (757) 333-6239.

7 Wednesday

6:15 p.m./The Art of Jazz & The Fine Art of Wine with Greg Dudzienski: The Chrysler presents *The Art of Jazz* every Wednesday night featuring popular regional performers. The Museum offers visitors the opportunity to relax in Huber Court or stroll through the galleries. Sponsored by Farm Fresh, *The Fine Art of Wine*—an informal tasting—takes place the first Wednesday of each month.

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18 Sunday

2 p.m./Sunday Surprise: *Music for Global Celebrations: Bellissima!*, Hampton Roads' premiere women's choral ensemble, presents a program of music for global celebrations.

The program will include compositions written for the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, the Incan Sun God, and the holidays of Ramadan, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, and Christmas. The conclusion will draw awareness to our connectedness through art and hope for peace on earth. For more information, please call (757) 333-6268.

28 Wednesday (Open until 9 p.m. with admission by voluntary contribution)

12 noon/*HolidayFest! 2005: One World, Many Celebrations*: Bring the family and join in song, dance, and the festivity of a global celebration. Learn about holiday history and traditions, create your own decorative work of art, and snap your fingers to a myriad of holiday sounds. The Chrysler celebrates *HolidayFest! 2005* with seasonal observances of the Americas, Asia and Europe. For more information, please call (757) 333-6239 or (757) 333-6268.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Old Master Paintings from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Saunders, III
Kaufman Furniture Gallery
Ongoing

Photography Speaks
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank and David L. Hack Photography Galleries
Ongoing

Norfolk and Western Railway Photographs by O. Winston Link
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank Photography Galleries
Through December 31, 2005

Behind the Seen: The Chrysler's Hidden Museum
Norfolk Southern Large Changing Galleries
Through February 19, 2006

Civil War Photographs from the David L. Hack Collection
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank Photography Galleries
February 10 through July 31, 2006

The Masterpiece Society presents
Masterpieces from an English Country House: The Fitzwilliam Collection
Norfolk Southern Large Changing Galleries
April 28 through August 13, 2006

d'ART CENTER

d'ART Center, Selden Arcade 208 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

ph: 757-625-4211 fax: 757-625-0670

Connect with the Visual Arts at www.d-artcenter.org

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.

Holiday Gift Shop opens on November 19!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

Having a birthday party, and need a cool activity for your guests? Call d'ART Center to arrange a private class for you and your friends for your big day and make your celebration an art occasion to remember! We will suggest both artist and artistic activity that you can remember

and enjoy all year. For children and adults. Call 625.4211 for scheduling and arrangements.

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION

The Hermitage Foundation Museum Visual Arts School Announces Community Art Classes for Fall

Registration is open for the Fall Session of classes at the Visual Arts School on the grounds of The Hermitage Foundation Museum. Classes in Ceramics, Photography, Painting, Drawing, and Mixed Media begin September 19, and a variety of workshops for adults and children are scheduled through December 17.

Join instructors Elizabeth Sawyer, Kristin Law, and Jim Chalkley at the potter's wheel for nine-week classes or day workshops. "Intro to Darkroom Photography," taught by Lynn Allred, is perfect for the beginning camera handler. "Oil Painting," "Watercolor," and "Oriental Painting" classes are conducted by Jessie Schmitt, Ray Hersherberger, and Lee Gerry Wertheimer. "Open Studio" classes in Ceramics, Photography, and Painting are offered to experienced artists.

More information, including course descriptions, costs, and registration forms, is available at www.hermitagefoundation.org or by calling 757-423-2052 x 207.

The Visual Arts School, located on the beautiful grounds of the Hermitage, houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Formerly

home to the Sloane family, the Hermitage is surrounded by twelve acres of woodlands and gardens on the shore of the Lafayette River. The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. Two galleries feature changing art exhibitions. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, under 6 and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit www.hermitagefoundation.org.

Hermitage Galleries to Feature Artwork from Art Educators in 18th Tidewater Art Educators Association Juried Exhibition

The Hermitage Foundation galleries will host an exhibition of multi-media art from Tidewater area educators now through November 13. The public is invited to attend a public reception from 7 – 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 13 at which time awards for first, second and third places will be announced. This is the 18th exhibition of the Tidewater Virginia Art Educators Association (TVAEA), the regional arm of the Virginia and National Art Education Associations. Thirty-nine artists are represented in this year's exhibition which features a myriad of styles, media, and themes.

TVAEA supports public art education through scholarship funds, advocacy efforts in communities, opportunities for professional development for teachers and artists through sponsorship of conventions, conferences, workshops, seminars, and exhibitions.

Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, under 6 and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit www.htfm.org.

HOLIDAYS IN THE CITY 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

Romeo and Juliet: Presented by the Virginia Opera; Harrison Opera House; November 20; Call 757-623-1223.

The Nutcracker: Presented by Virginia Ballet Theatre; Harrison Opera House; December 9-11; Call 757-622-4822.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever & Happy Hanukkah, My Friend: Presented by the Hurrah Players; December 10; TCC Roper Performing Arts Center; Call 757-627-5437.

Holidays in Virginia. Presented by the Hurrah Players; December 9-11; TCC Roper Performing Arts Center; Call 757-627-5437.

A Christmas Carol. Presented by the Virginia Stage Company; Wells Theatre; December 4-23; Call 757-627-1234.

The Classical Mystery Tour. Presented by the Virginia Symphony; Chrysler Hall; November 26; Call 757-892-6366

The Lion King. Presented by Disney; Chrysler Hall; December 9-January 15; Call 757-671-8100.

SIGNATURE EVENTS

21st Annual Grand Illumination Parade. Kicked-off with the spectacular Illumination of the downtown Norfolk and Olde Towne Portsmouth skylines. Saturday, November 19, 7 p.m.; Call 757-623-1757.

Winter Wonderland: The Coleman Collection. November 18-December 31, 2005; Courthouse Galleries, Olde Towne Portsmouth. Call 757-393-8543.

8th Annual Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival. Saturday, December 10; 12 Noon-7:00 p.m.; High Street; Olde Towne Portsmouth; Call 757-393-5111 or 800-PORTS-VA.

For more information or to view a complete calendar of holiday events visit www.downtownnorfolk.org and click on Holidays in the City, or call the Downtown Norfolk Council at 757-623-1757.

HURRAH PLAYERS

Schedule

- ***Holidays in Virginia*** and ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and Happy Hanukkah My Friend***. Both are part of Norfolk's Holidays in the City, December 9-11.
- In 2006 ***Amazing Grace*** runs February 17-19

- Dr. Seuss' *Seussical... the Musical* runs weekends March 17-26 2006.
- The musical *Snow White Goes West* May 19-21.
- Closing the season will be *Shagging on the Beach*, a brand new beach musical revue running July 28-30.

For tickets and info call 627-5437 or Ticketmaster 671-8100. Or visit our web site www.hurrahplayers.com

Holidays in Virginia

December 9, 2005 – 7:00 PM

December 10, 2005 – 3:00 PM

December 11, 2005 – 3:00 PM

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and Happy Hanukkah, My Friend

December 10, 2005 – 7:00 PM

All shows are performed at the TCC Roper Center on Granby Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Call 627-5437 or visit www.hurrahplayers.com for more information.

Office Information:

The office is located at 935 Woodrow Avenue in Ghent.

Hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Laura Murphy: General Manager

Lisa Wallace: Box Office Manager

Hugh Copeland: Artistic Director

email: hurrahplayers@verizon.net

website: www.hurrahplayers.com

Hurrah Players also offers theatre classes for ages 5 - Adult through the year and camps in the summer.

LAKE TAYLOR TRANSITIONAL CENTER

Date Set for Annual Lake Taylor Transitional Center's Holiday Breakfast. The Lake Taylor Transitional Center's Annual Holiday Breakfast will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 8:00 AM. This annual event provides an opportunity for the Council,

Council Appointees, Constitutional Officers and the Administration to meet with members of Lake Taylor's board and staff who continue to make this historic health care partnership a success. You will receive a formal invitation later, but we wanted to make you aware of this event early so you may place it on your calendar.

LIBRARIES

“JAZZ 101” AT NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Norfolk Public Library will host “Jazz 101” with Jae Sinnett, the host of WHRV-FM's “Sinnett in Session” jazz music program. This program will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. in Kirn Memorial Library.

Jae Sinnett has 7 recordings to date including “Blue Jae” and “House and Sinnett.” Jae has also released a performance/instructional video, “Musical Drumming Concepts”, written over 100 compositions and scored music for 5 documentaries. WHRV-FM has been home to Jae for almost 15 years where he hosts a jazz show and produces programs for broadcast. As an educator he taught jazz history, theory and percussion and directed the jazz big band and jazz combos for eight years at the Governors School for the Arts in Norfolk.

Jae currently works with a trio consisting of pianist Allen Farnham, bassist Terry Burrell and himself. They first performed together in 1995 and since have had major performances at the Ella Fitzgerald Festival in Newport News and at Emory University in Atlanta, among others. Port Folio Weekly proclaims their newest album “Confluence” to be Jae's best work yet.

Join us for an enlightening afternoon as Jae Sinnett talks about his life and career as a top jazz drummer and broadcaster. Jazz fans and aspiring musicians alike will not want to miss this rare opportunity to meet one of Hampton Roads' leading music and media stars.

All Norfolk Public Library programs are free and open to the public. Kirn Memorial Library is located at 301 E. City Hall Avenue in downtown Norfolk. To receive 3 free hours of parking at Kirn Memorial Library, park in the MacArthur Center South garage, and bring your ticket to the library for validation. For more information or a complete listing of Norfolk Public Library programs, visit www.npl.lib.va.us, pick up a calendar of events at any Norfolk Public Library location, or call 664-READ.

HABLAMOS ESPANOL? NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES SPANISH STOYTIME SERIES IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Norfolk Public Library launched a Spanish storytime. Children ages 2 to 6 years old can now enjoy a gentle introduction to Spanish through stories, songs, and simple conversation.

The Library will offer a Spanish storytime once a month through December. The dates and readers are as follows:

Date	Guest Reader(s)
November 12	Hilary Crusemire & Stephanie Driggers
December 10	Hilary Crusemire & Stephanie Driggers

Hispanic Heritage Month was September 15- October 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries- Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race.

Kirn Memorial Library is located at 301 E. City Hall Avenue, in downtown Norfolk. To receive 3 free hours of parking while at the library, park in the MacArthur Center South Garage and bring your ticket to the library for validation. For more information on this program or other children's programs at the library, call the Youth Services Department at 664-7323 ext. 43748.

All Norfolk Public Library Programs through December

Barron F. Black Homework Center

School Age Fun

Tuesdays September 1 - December 29

School Age Storytime Join us for stories, discussions, crafts and more!

4:00 p.m.

- October 27 Scary Stories
- November 3 Great Stories, Crafts & Games
- November 10 Thanksgiving Stories
- November 17 What Happens "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie?"
Find out and meet the Mouse from the tale in person!
Don't forget your camera.
- November 24 No storytime, enjoy your Thanksgiving

- December 1 Enter the Land of Narnia - the Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe.
- December 8 Christmas Around the World
- December 15 Celebrate Kwanzaa
- December 22 Christmas Stories and Crafts
- December 29 New Years Around the World

Blyden Branch Library

Family Time

November

19 Sat. Chocolate Chip Cookies with You and Me. Come dip cookies in milk with us as the famous "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" appears, sharing his latest adventure. Don't forget your camera for pictures with this loveable mouse! 12:00 p.m.

December

20 Tue. Visit Saint Nick. Santa is happy that all the children in the Tidewater area have been good. His elves and reindeer - especially the one with the red nose - are all looking forward to seeing you. Please make your list short, and if you have sweets for us, make them low carb. 5:00 p.m.

All Ages

Ongoing

Monday - Thursday Beginning October 3 (except closed holidays) School-Age Fun. Students participate in enrichment programs focusing on homework. 3:30 p.m.

Monthly

Nov. 8, Dec. 13 Tue. Book Talk. School age students get together for group discussions about the books they have read. 4:30 p.m.

Just for Teens

November

15 Tue. Express Yourself. Panel discussion on crime and violence in your neighborhood with special guest teens. Voice your opinions. 6:00 p.m.

Horace C. Downing Branch Library

Preschool

November

16 Wed. Cookie Mouse Visits Storytime. Have fun with cookie mouse, he will be waiting for you! Don't forgot your camera for a candid shot with the mouse. 10:30 a.m.

School Age Fun

November

10 Thu. Dress with Beads. Design your own necklace or head dress that represents Native American culture. 4:00 p.m.

December

15 Thu. Make Tree Ornaments. Make your very own ornament and hang it on the Christmas tree. 4:00 p.m.

Just for Teens

November

17 Thu. Treasure Box. Let's make a small keepsake box for your special things. 4:00 p.m.

December

21 Wed. Open Mike. Do you have an issue with something? Well teens, here is your chance to express your thoughts. Be here! 4:00 p.m.

Janaf Branch Library

Babies & Toddlers

Ongoing

Babygarten. Wed.Beginning October 5. Songs, finger plays, stories and free play in an atmosphere designed to nurture the parent-child bond. 10:30 a.m.

Preschool & School Age

November

12 Sat. A Visit from Cookie Mouse. Cookie Mouse from the perennial favorite "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" joins us today for a special storytime. Do you think he will share his cookies with you? 2:00 p.m.

School Age Fun

Monthly

Fun at the Library. Sat. Have a terrific time on the 3rd Saturday each month at the library. Read books, tell stories, play games, create crafts, and more! 2:00 p.m.

- November 19 The Wizarding World of Harry Potter
- December 17 Visit the Enchanted Land of Narnia

Just for Teens

Monthly

Teen Advisory Group. First Tuesday each month (9/ 6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6.) Help plan programs for teens and decide what books the library purchases for teens? If so, join us and share your opinions. 3:00 p.m.

November

16 Wed. Learn about the Art of Anime/Manga. Are you a fan of graphic novels? Come to the library this afternoon as Kimberly Alford teaches us about this art form. There will be time to share your favorite graphic novels and recommend titles for the library to acquire. 3:00 p.m.

December

15 Thu. Creative Writing Workshop. Do you yearn to write stories but aren't sure where to get ideas or how to keep going once you start? Rebecca Muller joins us for an hour of instruction and advice to help your writing be its best. 3:00 p.m.

Jordan-Newby Branch Library

Babies & Toddlers

Ongoing

Babygarten. Every Thursday, beginning November 3. Babygarten provides an enjoyable and enriching experience for children, parents and caregivers. Babies, 1 - 24 months, participate in action rhymes, activities, shared book readings, and gain skills to become proficient learners. Registration required. 10:00 a.m.

Family Time

November

19 Sat. Cookie Mouse Visits! Not all mice are tiny. Meet the giant mouse from the book, "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and celebrate Children's Book Week. Bring your camera! Cookies served. 3:00 p.m.

December

17 Sat. Stress Relief for the Holidays. Parents and kids, come enjoy some stress-free fun at the library. Read books, play board games and web games or make and take something. 3:00 p.m.

Kirn Memorial Library

Babies & Toddlers

Family Time

Ongoing

Family Storytime. Join us each Saturday, beginning September 3, for the best in children's literature, songs, games and other activities. 2nd Saturday each month: Hablamos Espanol - a guest reader will gently introduce Spanish with stories, songs and simple conversation. 10:30 a.m.

November

10 Thu. Celebrity Storytime. If you give a mouse a cookie, he'll probably bring it to the library to celebrate Children's Book Week! Meet this beloved book character. Don't forget your camera! 7:00 p.m.

December

7, 14, 21 Wed. Holiday Storytime. Share some holiday stories in the Center Court at MacArthur Center Mall. 10:00 a.m.

Parents (& all other care-givers)

Ongoing

Alpha Seeds: Raising Your Child to Be a Reader. Tuesdays. Plant the seeds for early learning! This exciting early literacy series will discuss the six early literacy skills that cultivate young readers. Each fun-filled 30 minute session is a hands-on learning experience. Come once a week for 7 weeks. Win prizes, have fun, take home strategies and activities to share with your child. Two seven week sessions will be held beginning September 6 and November 1. 6:30 p.m.

November 1: The Growing Brain

November 8: ABC Fun

November 15: Songs, Rhymes, & Sounds

November 22: Stories Together

November 29: Finding Books They Love

December 6: Book Awareness
December 13: Vocabulary Games

Lafayette Branch Library

Babies & Toddlers

Ongoing

Babygarten. Wednesdays, beginning September 14. Action rhymes. Movement activities. Shared book readings. Sound like fun? Join Babygarten each Wednesday and see this successful program in action. Space is limited each week. Read to them, sing to them, love them. (For 1-24 month olds and a parent or care-giver.) 10:30 a.m.

November 1, 8, 15

Tues. 1-2-3 Grow With Me, A Parent/Child Workshop. Spend time with your toddlers (ages 1 - 3 years) in an educational and creative environment that is filled with toys and play equipment. Friendly, knowledgeable early childhood experts will circulate amongst the group, talking to parents one on one. Topics covered will include nutrition, child development, play, speech, language, reading, movement and physical fitness. Registration is required. Call 757-441-2842 to sign-up. 10:00 & 11:45 a.m.

Family Time

Monthly

Daddy & Me: Breakfast & A Book. Join us each 2nd Saturday for a fabulous breakfast and then wonderful stories told by terrific guest readers. Be sure to bring your camera for lots of pictures! Dads bring the whole family for a morning of fun. 10:00 a.m.

- November 12: The Cookie Mouse is Here! Our favorite mouse from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie!" will join us for "mousie" songs and tales.
- December 10: Make a Cool Ornament from A Coke Can! Bring an empty washed out Coke can and get ready to make a neat ornament you'll enjoy for years to come.

Family Night PJ Storyhour. Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month for wonderful stories and special guests. 6:30 p.m.

- November 17: Family Time with Fun Food How many times have you been told not to play with your food? Well, now's the time to break that rule! Find new ways to have fun with your family and make art out of food.

November

7 Mon. Lafayette Library Family Read-In Day. In celebration of National Family Literacy Month the library is sponsoring a family library read-in. For every 20 minutes

families read together in the library they can submit one entry in a drawing for a gift card. Multiple gift cards will be given away, so enjoy reading in the library and enter time after time, all day!

December

15 Thu. Lafayette Library's 4th Annual Grand Illumination. Sip some cider and have cookies with us as we light our luminaries and enjoy the glorious sight of our decorated walkways. Don't forget your camera for pictures with Santa, our guest! Take a break from the seasonal hustle and bustle as you relax with some holiday music, your Lafayette neighbors and inviting refreshments. 6:30 p.m.

29 Thu. Kwanzaa Celebration. Join us as we honor African heritage. Discover the traditions and customs of Africa as we observe Kwanzaa during this special holiday event. 2:00 p.m.

Just for Teens

Monthly

Readers Theatre for Teens. Join us on the 2nd Saturday each month (9/10, 10/8, 9/12, 12/10). Spend an afternoon laughing, acting and having more fun than you ever imagined. There's a star in you and we have a script and a part tailored for you! Come "act" up with us. 1:30 p.m.

Parents (& all other care-givers)

Monthly

Reading Rockets. 3rd Thursday each month. Want to help your child develop their reading skills, but not sure how to do it? We have the program for you! Learn effective strategies through brief video clips and discussions with other parents and professionals. Come at 6:30 p.m. for our PJ Story-hour, and while your child is having a bedtime snack, learn how you can help him/her reach their reading potential! 7:15 p.m.

Larchmont Branch Library

Babies & Toddlers

Ongoing

Babygarten. Thursdays, beginning September 29. Babygarten provides a weekly experience that is enjoyable and enriching for babies, their parents, and caregivers. The program is designed for infants and babies up to 24 months. Join us for fingerplays,

music, playtime and stories. Due to the popularity of the program registration is required and space is limited, call 441-5335. 10:30a.m.

All Ages

November

10 Thu. Veteran's Day Program. In honor of Veteran's Day, we will have coloring sheets all day long.

14 Mon. Celebrate Children's Book Week. Before video games, people had fun playing family board games. Surprise your family and make one to take home. 3:30 p.m.

16 Wed. "Mouse" visits for Children's Book Week. Mouse of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" fame will visit to help celebrate Children's Book Week. Come have your picture taken with Mouse. There will be a story and coloring sheets too! Refreshments served. Oh...we better hide the cookies! 4:00 p.m.

21 Mon. Let's Give Thanks. There will be coloring sheets available all day to help decorate and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

November - December

Caring and Sharing Christmas. Each Wednesday from November 30 - December 21 we will make holiday crafts. Celebrate the holidays with something special you made. 3:30 p.m.

- November 30: Make a special holiday card for someone you love.
- December 7: Make a holiday ornament and make a memory for today and tomorrow.
- December 14: Make a small gift for someone special. Presents from the heart are always appreciated.
- December 21: Create a gift from one of the past three weeks of A Caring and Sharing Christmas. Make a card, ornament or a small gift.

Little Creek Branch Library

Toddlers & Preschool

November

17 Thu. The Cookie Mouse is Coming! Join us for a special combined toddler and preschool program today featuring a visit from that special mouse of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" fame. Don't forget your camera or your appetite, since cookie mouse is sharing some of his chocolate chip cookies with us. 10:30 a.m.

Family Time

December

19 Mon. It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas! Get in the holiday mood with this free program: enjoy unforgettable stories, festive music, a special holiday video and free refreshments. 6:30 p.m.

School Age Fun

November

23 Thu. Native American Tales! Indian legends and tales of long ago take us back to the frontier days. You'll not soon forget the tales of "Knots on the Counting Rope" and "And Still the Turtle Watched." 2:00 p.m.

Just for Teens

Monthly

Teen Time. Meet us on Thursdays, September 22, October 13 and Wednesday, November 23. Chill out with your friends and talk about favorite books, magazines, movies, TV programs, sports, music, hobbies and

Pretlow Branch Library

Family Time

November

14 Mon. What Will Happen if You Give a Mouse a Cookie? We will have a surprise guest at our Children's Book Week Celebration! Enjoy a story and light refreshments. Bring your camera! 6:30 p.m.

School Age Fun

November

17 Thu. A Lewis and Clark Expedition. Join us for stories and pictures. Imagine what it would be like to go on this adventure. 3:30 p.m.

December

15 Thu. Holiday Party. Make an ornament or other craft item while we listen to holiday music. Enjoy refreshments too. 3:30 p.m.

Van Wyck Branch Library

Family Time

November

15 Tue. Cookie Mouse Visits! Celebrate Children's Book Week with the book character Cookie Mouse. Bring your camera and pose for a picture with this special guest. 4:00 p.m.

December

14 Wed. Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas! Holiday Stories and a visit from Santa! Join us for a Holiday Celebration. Don't forget your camera for this special event. 4:00 p.m.

Just for Teens

Monthly

Van Wyck Teen Advisory Group. Join us Thursdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, and give your input, make new friends, have fun, plan for future events and help with programs. Call 441-2844 and ask for Doris Modlin Johnson for more information. 2:30 p.m.

Parents (& all other care-givers)

Ongoing

Reading Rockets - Launching Young Readers. Celebrate National Family Literacy Month. Beginning November 8, spend a little time on Tuesday mornings helping your child soar to new reading heights with this exciting program! 10:30 a.m.

- November 8: Session 1 - Growing a Reader
- November 15: Session 2 - The Roots of Literacy
- November 22: Session 3 - Talk is Powerful
- November 29: Session 4 - Reading Together
- December 6: Session 5 - Authors & Illustrators

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

New Exhibit At The Macarthur Memorial Commemorates The 60th Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II . More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured

crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial opened a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, examines the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition offers insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

Make a Holiday Card for a Soldier at MacArthur Memorial. Beginning on Veteran's Day, November 11, the MacArthur Memorial invites children and adults to come to the memorial's theatre to create a holiday card for soldiers overseas.

Supplies and materials are provided free of charge, and the public is invited to stop by from 10 A.M. – 5 P.M. Monday through Saturday 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday. We will collect all the cards submitted and give them to the American Red Cross for mailing and distribution. The card activity will end on Friday, December 16.

In addition, materials to make a seasonal tree ornament will be available and the public is invited to help decorate the Memorial's tree.

The Memorial is located in downtown Norfolk on the corner of City Hall Avenue and Bank Street. Parking is available directly across the street at the MacArthur Center South Parking Garage, and patrons may bring their parking stub to the Memorial for validation good for up to three hours of free parking.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norfolk Alliance for People with Mental Retardation meets on November 17, at 1161 Ingleside Road. Meeting time is 7:00-8:30 p.m. with a social period beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Pat McKeil at 423-7609.

NAUTICUS

Have a ghostly good time at Nauticus' "Fall Festival of Fun"!

Don't miss this exciting event that's sure to provide excitement for the whole family!

Join us at Nauticus on Saturday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for our first "Fall Festival of Fun"! Enjoy trick-or-treating, fun games, giveaways, a pumpkin search, visits from costumed friends including Nauticus' own "Finney the Shark" and The Hurrah Players' "Beauty & the Beast", balloon animals, face painting, and much more.

Also, watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* movie in the Nauticus Theater. Kids, come in your costumes and get your picture taken, plus receive \$1 off admission. Don't miss out on the fun!

The Fall Festival of Fun is included in Nauticus admission. Adults, \$9.95; Children (4-12), \$7.50; \$8.95 for senior citizens, AAA members, and military personnel with ID; free for Nauticus members & children age 3 and under. For more information, please call (757) 664-1000.

UVA Professor Stephen A. Macko To Give Informative Talk On How Cataclysmic Events Affect Populations

Lecture ties-in with Nauticus current traveling exhibit, Powers of Nature

Stephen A. Macko, Professor of Isotope and Organic Geochemistry in the Department of Environmental Science at the University of Virginia, will present "Seeking the Lost Civilization" on Sunday, November 6, at 2 p.m. at Nauticus. The presentation, which is open to the public, is included in regular Nauticus admission. During his presentation, Macko will tie-in elements of Nauticus' current "Powers of Nature" traveling exhibit to give the audience insight into the reasons for the vanishing of entire cities or even whole populations—some of which have been associated with a cataclysmic event like a tsunami. Macko will focus specifically on stable isotope mass spectrometry, a new tool which reveals new information about individual persons or whole populations and even previously dismissed artifacts, like ancient hair, which yield valuable information about these vanished civilizations.

Macko has been a professor at UVA since 1989. He holds a B.S. in chemistry from Carnegie-Mellon University, an M.S. in marine chemistry from the University of Maine, and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Texas. Before coming to UVA, he was a professor at Memorial University in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. He has authored more than 235-refereed research papers and books; he was elected a Fellow of the Geochemical Society and European Association of Geochemistry in 2003. In addition, he has been featured on *Discovery* and *National Geographic* television programs as well as in a number of public and commercial radio and television interviews.

For more information, please call (757) 664-1000 or visit www.TheNMC.org. Nauticus is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Nauticus to offer "Preschool Science Adventures" Program this Fall

Bring your little one to Nauticus for an hour of fun!

Enjoy a fun, educational and interactive hour with your child during Nauticus' education program, "Preschool Science Adventures," offered at 3 p.m. on selected Saturdays throughout the fall.

Geared towards children ages two to five, each program is designed to help develop large and fine motor skills and includes storytelling, a craft activity, hands-on experiments, and a special guided tour of a Nauticus exhibit.

Nauticus' "Preschool Science Adventures" schedule is as follows:

- **Saturday, November 12 - PIRATES**

Ahoy matey! Learn about pirates then make a pirate make-n-take and participate in an experiment.

- **Saturday, December 10 - WEATHER**

Listen to a story about weather then create a cool craft and participate in an experiment. After, enjoy a tour of Nauticus' traveling exhibit *Powers of Nature*.

Admission for "Preschool Science Adventures" is \$8 for non-members; \$6 for members. Adults are admitted FREE with their child. Reservations are required as space is limited to 15 per program. For more information or to register, please call (757) 664-1044.

Fall/Winter 2005

November & December

Special Events

November 11-13

Fire in the Sky. Enjoy educational science demos focusing on lightning, sunrise, sunset, and wildfires.

Saturday, November 12

Powers of Nature (Global Warming) Day. Enjoy educational science demos and see Stormchasers for \$1 off! Plus, at 2 p.m., join Professor David Burdige with ODU's Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, who'll talk about global warming.

Saturday, November 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

Members-only Grand Illumination Parade & Dinner with Santa. Nauticus members enjoy holiday refreshments, make-n-takes, picture taking with Santa, and face painting, and then enjoy the parade starting at 7 p.m. from Nauticus' front court. Fee. Call (757) 664-1017.

Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.

“Seeking the Lost Civilization” Lecture. Presented in conjunction with Nauticus’ current traveling exhibit, *Powers of Nature*, this talk by Stephen A. Macko, Professor of Isotope and Organic Geochemistry in the Department of Environmental Science at the University of Virginia, will focus specifically on stable isotope mass spectrometry, a new tool which reveals new information about individual persons or whole populations and even previously dismissed artifacts, like ancient hair, which yield valuable information about these vanished civilizations.

Saturday, November 12, 3 p.m.

Preschool Science Adventures (MERMAIDS). Spend a fun, educational and interactive hour with your child during this exciting education! Geared towards children age’s two to five, each program is designed to help develop large and fine motor skills and includes storytelling, a craft activity, game and special guided tour of a Nauticus exhibit. Admission is \$6 for members; \$8 for public. Adults are admitted free with their child. Reservations are required. Please call (757) 664-1044 for more information.

November 18-20

Maritime Heritage Conference.

During the three-day event, participants from all over the country will hear guest plenary speakers including keynote speaker Dr. Robert Ballard. In addition, attendees will learn from educational sessions, and participate in social gatherings. Maritime heritage topics for the conference will include lighthouses/lifesaving stations, whaling and fishing heritage, native canoe cultures shipping and port heritage, shipboard education, and shipwrecks and other submerged sites.

The registration fee for the conference is \$135, which includes all sessions, reception at The National Maritime Center on Thursday, November 17; evening field trip to The Mariners’ Museum on Friday, November 18; and an evening dinner cruise on the *Spirit of Norfolk* to view the Grand Illumination of the Harbor on Saturday, November 19. Hotel rooms with a special conference rate have been reserved at The Tazewell Hotel & Suites, the James Madison Clarion Hotel, and the Courtyard Marriott. Please visit www.TheNMC.org <<http://www.TheNMC.org>> for details.

Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Santa. Enjoy a continental breakfast, take pictures with Santa, get a holiday goodie bag and more! After breakfast, explore the Powers of Nature exhibit. Admission is \$5 for Nauticus members; \$8 for the general public. Reservations and prepayment required. Call (757) 664-1017 by November 30.

Saturday, December 17

Powers of Nature (Fire) Day. Enjoy educational science demos and see Stormchasers for \$1 off! Plus, at 2 p.m., hear Karen Barnes, City of Norfolk Fire Inspector, who'll talk about fire safety at home.

December 26-30

Stormy Weather. Throughout the week, enjoy educational science demos related to snow storms.

Traveling Exhibit

***Powers of Nature.* On view through December 31,**

2005. *Powers of Nature* explores the science behind natural disasters—how they are studied and predicted, how we can protect ourselves, and how they affect our lives. It includes more than 50 interactive exhibits, videos, immersion experiences, live satellite and radar images, artifacts, and personal stories.



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Fall Festival of Fun. Have a ghostly good time with your family at this exciting Halloween-related event! Enjoy trick-or-treating, fun games, giveaways, a pumpkin search, visits from costumed friends including Nauticus' own "Finney the Shark" and The Hurrah Players' "Beauty & the Beast", balloon animals, face painting, and much more. Also, watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* movie in the Nauticus Theater. Kids, come in your costumes and get your picture taken, plus receive \$1 off admission. Don't miss out on the fun! The Fall Festival of Fun is included in Nauticus admission.

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Saturday, November 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

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Ongoing Programs & Events (NEW, Fall times listed below.)

10:30 a.m., Saturdays.

Shark Feeding. Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Weekdays; 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Weekends; 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Shark Touch. What does a shark's skin feel like? Find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Weekends; 1:15 p.m.

Cool Science. Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program ~~sponsored~~^{more} in part by BOC Gases.

Weekdays; 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays; 11 a.m.

Grando Electro Show. Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Weekends; 12:45 p.m.

Kiddie Tidepool & Storytime. Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

Weekday; 1 & 4 p.m.

NOAA Science On a Sphere Presentation. Enjoy this exciting and interactive presentation on our newest exhibit, Science On a Sphere. Explore the Earth's surface and learn about weather patterns, how hurricanes are formed, climate conditions around the world, and much more!

Daily; 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Aegis. Aegis is an ancient word for shield. It's also the name of the Navy's hi-tech protection system used by destroyers to form a 250-mile-radius shield around a naval battle group. This specially designed command center theater simulates a battle situation, allowing you to feel the weight of command as you make hair-raising, snap decisions.

Daily; 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.

Design Chamber: Battleship X. Inside this multi-media interactive theater, match wits with America's best ship designers on the eve of World War II in a race against time to create the greatest battleship ever. If you are a tactical genius, this is the place to show it.

Digital High-Definition Films

Daily; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Stormchasers. Shown in conjunction with *Powers of Nature*, this powerful and exhilarating digital high-definition film stars hurricanes, monsoons, and tornadoes. Will be shown multiple times daily through December 31 in Nauticus' NEW state-of-the-art, digital high-definition theater. \$3 admission (for members or with Nauticus ticket purchase); \$5 general admission. Call (757) 664-1000 for additional information.

***The Living Sea movie will no longer be shown daily in the Nauticus Theater.**

However, special arrangements will be made for large groups. Call (757) 664-1074 for more information.

COMING SOON:

Maritime Heritage Education Conference

November 18-20

Join us for the Maritime Heritage Conference which will bring formal and informal educators together to focus exclusively on the sharing of maritime heritage education partnerships, programs and product and their linkages to science and conservation. For details and registration info long onto: www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/mhec.

Members-Only Grand Illumination Parade and Dinner with Santa Saturday, November 19

Join us at Nauticus for this exciting event! Enjoy holiday refreshments, make-n-takes, picture taking with Santa, and face painting, and then enjoy the parade starting at 7 p.m. from Nauticus' front court. Admission is \$8 for members; \$10 for guests of members. Reservations and prepayment required. Please call (757) 664-1017 or email Deidre Harmon for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Neighborhood Pride Tours

The Division of Neighborhood Services officially released the 2005 schedule for the Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tours with a full page ad in the January 27 Compass edition of the Virginian Pilot. The tour program, originally developed to educate and build neighborhood pride, is now entering its seventh year and promises to be even more successful than in years past. While previous tours have focused on general Norfolk annexation history, this year's tour season offers participants the opportunity to take part in theme tours (see below) that include a 30-minute social break sponsored by area organizations and businesses.

DATE	NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TOUR
November 12	The Downtown Experience

For further details, call our new NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232.

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

ODU

The Old Dominion University Gallery

The Old Dominion University Gallery provides the University and regional communities with leadership through exhibitions of contemporary works of art and visual culture that inform, enlighten and educate viewers. Through a schedule of exhibitions by professional artists in all media the University Gallery presents artwork which demonstrates innovative concepts and processes and which introduces current ideas and observations on humanity made by visual artists. The Old Dominion University Gallery receives generous support from the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, the Mary Batten Jacobson Visiting Artist endowment, the Wally Dreyer Gallery Fund and the Telsa Leon Visiting Artist Fund. The Old Dominion University Gallery is located off-campus at 350 W. 21st Street in the Ghent section of Norfolk. Gallery hours are Tuesdays – Thursday 12-3, Fridays and Saturdays 12-5pm and Sundays 1-4pm. Please call 757.683.2355 or check the website at <http://www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery> for more information.

October 3 – November 6

Rudy VanderLans/Emigre

An exhibition of ten large format digital print pieces by one of the principals of Emigre, representing its history and the history of text design. *Emigre*, a magazine founded in 1984 as a cultural journal to showcase artists, photographers, poets, and architects, coincided with the birth of the Macintosh. Emigre was one of the first independent type foundries to establish itself centered on this personal computer technology. It is also a digital type foundry, publisher and distributor of graphic design related software and printed materials based in Northern California. VanderLans is presented as part of “Crossings”, October 3-7 the 2005 Old Dominion University Literary Festival. 2005 represents the sixth year of Gallery participation in the Festival.

VanderLans will give a talk on Monday, October 3, at 5:00pm at the gallery preceding the opening reception.

Gallery closed for installation November 7 – November 12 till 7 pm reception

November 12 – December 18

Exhibitionists 4

An exhibition of artwork by the 2005—2006 studio scholarship award winners from the ODU Art Department.

Reception: Saturday, November 12, 7:00pm

Gallery closed December 19, 2005 – January 21, 2006 till 7 pm reception

RECREATION SENIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

BAYVIEW:

11/04	Meeting/Bingo	9:00 a.m.
11/11	Meeting/Bingo	9:00 a.m.
11/18	Meeting/Potluck/Thanksgiving Activity	9:00 a.m.
11/25	No Meeting	
12/02	Meeting/Bingo	9:00 a.m.
12/09	Meeting	9:00 a.m.
12/16	Meeting/Potluck/Christmas Party	9:00 a.m.
12/23	No Meeting/Holiday Vacation	
12/30	No Meeting/Holiday Vacation	

HUNTERSVILLE:

11/01	Business Meeting/Exercise Time	11:00am-12:00pm
11/07-10	Atlantic City Trip	6:00 am
11/15	Business Meeting/Thanksgiving Bingo	11:00am-12:00pm
11/22	Give Out Thanksgiving Baskets	11:00am
11/29	Business Meeting/Holiday Crafts	11:00am-12:00pm
12/06	Business Meeting/Birthday Celebration	11:00am-12:00pm
12/13	Christmas Party	11:00am
12/20	Holiday Break	
12/27	Holiday Break	

NORVIEW:

11/9	Fitness for Winter	11:00am
11/16	Thanksgiving Luncheon	12:00pm
11/30	Indoor Games Day	11:00am
12/07	Holiday Lights Trip	5:30pm

12/14	Birthday Celebration	11:00am
12/21	Holiday Party	11:00am

All activities for the Norview Senior Club will be held at the Sherwood Forest Recreation Center, 4537 Little John Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513.

OCEAN VIEW:

11/02	Anniversary Celebration/60+ Club	11:00am
11/09	Veteran's Program	11:30am
11/11	Turkey Bingo	2:00pm
11/14-18	Turkey Shoot Week	
11/18	Red Hat Luncheon Meeting	11:00am
11/22	Thanksgiving Luncheon	11:30am
11/25	Thanksgiving Bingo	2:00pm
12/09	Holiday Bingo	2:00pm
12/14	Holiday Program	11:30am
12/16	Red Hat Luncheon Meeting	11:00am
12/21	Holiday Party/60+ Club	11:00am
12/28	Holiday Sharing	11:00am

SHERWOOD:

11/03	Pre-Thanksgiving Feast	11:00am
11/17	No Meeting (Building Closed for Painting)	
12/08	Christmas Craft	11:00am
12/15	Holiday Shopping-Fieldtrip to Lynnhaven Mall	11:00am

SOUTHSIDE:

11/02	Hair Care	12:00pm
11/11	Annual Volunteer Program	12:30pm
11/18	Cake Contest & Games	1:00pm
11/22	Triad Meeting for Seniors	2:00pm
12/07	Hair Care	12:00pm
12/09	End of Year Celebration	1:00pm
12/14	Senior Club Christmas Celebration	12:00pm

TITUSTOWN:

11/01	Senior Exercise	10:30am
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11/03	Business Meeting/Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon	10:00am
11/08	Senior Free Day	10:00am
11/10	Trip to Hampton Space Museum	10:30am
11/15	Senior Current Events	10:00am
11/17	Senior Arts & Craft Day	10:00am
11/22	Thanksgiving Bingo	11:00am
11/24	Senior Exercise	10:30am
11/29	Trip to Captain's Quarters	10:30am
12/06	Senior Free Day	10:00am
12/08	Business Meeting/Birthday Celebration	10:00am
12/13	Trip to MacArthur Mall	10:30am
12/15	Christmas Potluck Holiday Luncheon	12:00pm
12/20	Senior Current Events	10:00am
12/22	Holiday Bingo	11:00am

SENIOR CITYWIDE EVENTS

THE SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB: The Social Bowling Club meets each Monday, 9:30 a.m., at AMF Bowling Lanes, 2441 East Little Creek Road. The day includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and free beverages for a nominal fee per person.

HOLIDAY BALL: 12/02/05, Titustown Recreation Center, 7545 Diven Street, Norfolk, VA 23505.

Please contact Jean Saunders at 441-2109 for additional information.

SPCA

Stockley Gardens Becomes a Pawprint Pathway

The 24th Annual Dog Walk to benefit the Norfolk SPCA presented by Farm Fresh Markets

Farm Fresh Markets presents the 24th Annual Norfolk SPCA Dog Walk, Saturday, October 29, 2005 at Stockley Gardens in historic Ghent. Registration begins at 9AM; Dog Walk starts at 10AM.

Looking for something fun to do with your pooch(s)? Come take a walk with hundreds of other dog lovers and their furry friends through beautiful historic Ghent. Don't have a pooch pal? Come and participate anyway: You can sponsor a shelter dog and walk him/her in the Dog Walk.

Come dressed to impress! In the spirit of Halloween, there will a BEST COSTUME contest for your hound(s). The winner will receive a prize and bragging

rights.

All participants will receive a Dog Walk T- Shirt and a bandana for their dog(s). Participation in this major fundraiser for the Norfolk SPCA directly benefits the thousands of animals we care for. All you need to do is register and begin collecting donations! The registration fee for this event is \$10.00 and children under 6 are free.

For additional information and registration materials, visit our website, www.norfolkspca.com or call 757.622.3319 x308.

TIDEWATER ART ALLIANCE

November 29- December 31 2005

Opening: December 1, 7-9 p.m.

Tidewater Art Alliance: Miniature Exhibit

Annual Juried exhibition for TAA members– at The Hermitage Foundation Museum, Norfolk

On the importance of being small: *Small works invite the viewer in for a moment of intimate connection and lose scrutiny of image and medium. Small scale accentuates awareness of richness and depth of paint, or watercolor's fluidity and varied visual textures in mixed media. Small often allows, even encourages, fragmentation of image as well as inclusion of only that which is essential to communicating the artist's idea.*

(A paraphrased statement by 1993 Miniature Show Juror, Marlene Jack)

Please contact Ishina Feld with any questions at 757-497-3507 or ishina.feld@cox.net

Mailing address:

Tidewater Art Alliance

P.O. Box 3093

Norfolk, Virginia 23514-3093

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TCC PRESENTS MOLIERE'S GREAT SATIRE, *TARTUFFE*

Moliere's classic comic satire, *Tartuffe*, will be presented by Tidewater Community College at 8 p.m. Nov. 9-12 and 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at the TCC Chesapeake Studio Theatre on the Chesapeake Campus. It will run again at 8 p.m. Nov. 18-19 at the TCC Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center in Norfolk.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call 822-5219. Reservations are recommended for Chesapeake Studio Theatre performances only; call 822-5219 to reserve seats.

TCC professor Ed Jacob directs the play, produced and acted by students in TCC's theatre program.

Jacob notes that Moliere, whose real name was Jean Baptiste-Poquelin, is considered the world's greatest comic playwright. While his works were entertaining, they were often controversial. Moliere's satirical comedy helps people recognize and laugh at their own flaws, and perhaps more importantly, exposes the follies of society. In *Tartuffe*, Moliere explores religious hypocrisy and excess.

When *Tartuffe* was first produced in Paris in 1664, religious leaders accused Moliere of undermining the foundations of religion. The play was banned from large-scale production by the Society of the Holy Sacrament, and not until the society was dissolved in 1669 did *Tartuffe* receive full-scale production and become the most popular French comedy. To this day, *Tartuffe* remains provocative and, some would say, relevant.

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

Boston Pops Holiday Cabaret. Friday, November 25, 2005, 8 p.m., Constant Center, Norfolk. Tickets start at \$29.50.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! After last year's success of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra with Keith Lockhart, Virginia Arts Festival is bringing the Holiday Cabaret back to Hampton Roads. Jump start your holiday season with America's favorite orchestra. Co-presented with Global Spectrum. For tickets: Constant Center Box Office, Festival Box Office at MacArthur Center, 1-888-411-4TED.

Trio Medieval. Monday, December 5, 2005, 7:30 p.m., Christ & St. Luke's Church, 560 West Olney Road, Norfolk, VA 23507. Tickets: \$25.

These Scandinavian sopranos exemplify the pure power and beauty of the human voice. With a repertoire spanning English and French medieval music to traditional Norwegian carols to new works written just for them, you simply must experience their purely magical a cappella sound, just heavenly for the holidays. Hear them in two of Hampton Roads' most acoustically perfect settings, before the Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center tour stops. For tickets: Festival Box Office at MacArthur Center, Ticketmaster, 757-671-8100 or online at www.vafest.com.

VIRGINIA BALLET THEATER

Virginia Ballet Theatre
2005-2006 Season

The Nutcracker

The magic returns as Virginia Ballet Theatre takes you on a journey with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince through a battle with the Rat King and a visit from The Sugar Plum Fairy, a dreamy snowstorm to Tschaikovsky's memorable music and a magical journey through a land of sweets in this holiday tradition.

Ferguson Center for the Arts Concert Hall – Newport News, VA

December 1st & 2nd – 10am – *School show - not open to the public*

December 2nd – 7:30pm

December 3rd – 2pm & 7:30pm

December 4th – 2pm

Harrison Opera House – Norfolk, VA

December 8th & 9th – 10am – *School show - not open to the public*

December 9th – 7:30pm

December 10th – 2pm & 7:30pm

December 11th – 2pm

Cinderella

The timeless fairytale of *Cinderella* comes to life in this full-length ballet filled with a magical blend of music and dance, comedy and romance. Set to Prokofiev's magnificent score, this fairytale ballet will enchant the entire family.

TCC Jeanne & George Roper Performing Arts Center – Norfolk, VA

April 21st – 7:30pm

April 22nd – 7:30pm

April 23rd – 2pm

Season Subscriptions on sale now at 757.622.4822!

Single tickets scheduled to go on sale August 1st!

VIRGINIA OPERA PRESENTS CHARLES GOUNOD'S

Virginia Opera brings one of William Shakespeare's most beloved tales to the stage with a production of Charles Gounod's operatic ROMEO & JULIET, the ever-popular story of the star-crossed love shared between the warring Montagues and Capulets in Verona, opening Nov. 11 at Norfolk's Harrison Opera House, Nov. 25 at Richmond's Landmark Theater, and Dec. 2 at George Mason University's Center for the Arts in Fairfax.

Starring in the title roles are two acclaimed Chinese performers, whose presences signify the continuation of the cross-cultural work begun by Virginia Opera Artistic Director and Conductor **Peter Mark** last season in collaboration with the new International Opera Alliance – an operatic cultural exchange program – which included his conducting of TOSCA for the grand opening of the brand new Shanghai Opera House in the city's Oriental Arts Center this summer.

Beautiful soprano **Wei Huang** returns to Virginia Opera in the title role of Juliet.

The production will be sung in French with Digitext SuperTitles projected above the stage. Tickets to Norfolk performances, ranging from \$25-\$90, are available on Virginia Opera's website at www.vaopera.org, and via phone at 757-623-1223 (Southside) or 757-877-2550 (Peninsula). Tickets to Fairfax performances, ranging from \$44-\$84, are available by phone at 703-218-6500, and Richmond performances, ranging from \$20-\$85, through Ticketmaster at 804-262-8003. Subscriptions to the 2005-2006 Season are still available at 866-OPERA-VA (866-673-7282).

Media are invited to attend rehearsals and fight choreography sessions for this production of ROMEO & JULIET. Contact Public Relations Manager Stephen J. Baker at 757-627-9545 ext. 3323, or via e-mail at press@vaopera.com for more information.

PERFORMANCE DATES

The Harrison Opera House, *Norfolk*

Friday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets \$25-90 – 757-623-1223 (Southside), 757-877-2550 (Peninsula) or www.vaopera.org

The Landmark Theater, *Richmond*

Friday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20-\$85 – 804-262-8003
(Ticketmaster) or www.ticketmaster.com

George Mason University's Center for the Arts, *Fairfax*

Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$44-\$84 – 703-218-6500 or www.tickets.com

RESIDENT SURVEY ON AIRING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Norfolk is currently televising tape delayed coverage of the 4th Tuesday City Council meetings through the end of the fiscal year on Norfolk's Neighborhood Network, TV-48. This is the first time Norfolk has aired council meetings on television, and the city is interested in your feedback. Your responses will help determine if the city should continue airing council meetings. Please fill out the survey and tell a friend.

SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR NORFOLK CITIZENS:

1. Have you seen council meetings on NNN TV-48? Y/N
2. As a viewer, did you like the coverage? Y/N
3. Do you think televising meetings improves public accountability? Y/N
4. Is this service something the city should continue? Y/N
5. Would you like to see all formal council meetings aired on NNN TV-48? Y/N
6. Would you like to see all council informal (work) sessions aired on TV-48? Y/N
7. Meetings are tape-delayed. Would you like to see live coverage in the future? Y/N
8. What time of day can you watch meeting coverage? Check all that apply.
Morning/Afternoon/Evening
9. Did you know archived streaming video of meetings is available on this website?
Y/N
10. Have you watched any video streams of televised meetings on this website? Y/N
11. Enter comments about televising council meetings here (1000 character max):

Please forward completed forms to Bret Hillard
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City of Norfolk Communications, 810 Union St. #302
Norfolk, VA 23510
757-664-4487